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POLITICAL DICTIONARY:

A.

ABSURDITY,—Mr. Pitt's surplus fund, his Majesty's civil-list, and the combination of kings, to restore priesthood, aristocracy, and monarchy in France.

Abuse,—the different governments of Europe; privileged orders; church establishments.

Adam,—the only *man* of his time, a true *Sans Culottes*, and the first revolutionist.

Address,—an echo of venal prostitution; an insidious, ministerial trap to catch popularity, never to be trusted.

Admiralty,—an office of the first responsibility, requiring the greatest talents, industry, and experience, in the man who presides over it; filled by an IDEOT, because he happens to be brother to a PRIME MINISTER.

Advantage,—the evacuation of Toulon; the retreat from Dunkirk; the French triumphant masters

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of the sea; and Earl Moira's expedition to the coast of Brittany.

Alarm,—the *toefin* of delusion; plunging Englishmen into all the calamities of war, under the falsest pretence of their liberties and properties being endangered, to cover the real designs of hatred, jealousy, despotism, and revenge. A pretext for prosecutions, unconstitutional augmentation of the army, the introduction of foreign troops, barracks, &c. &c. &c.

Alarmists,—miserable politicians, who have been dupes of the sound, terrified by the downfall of aristocracy in France; bewildered by apprehensions and fears for themselves, they have lost all sense of their duty towards the people, and have joined the conspiracy of courts against the interests of humanity. For example, Duke of Portland, Earls Fitzwilliam, Spencer, Messrs. Windham, Powis, and a list of *et ceteras, ad infinitum*.

Alderman,—stupidity, gluttony, servility, avarice; perfectly represented in the persons of Mess. C—t-s, And—f-n, Le Mes-r—r, and S—nd—f-n; turtle feasting, &c. &c.

Ally (new),—George III. Pope Pius VI.

America,—a bright and immortal example to all colonies groaning under a foreign yoke, proving the invincible energy and virtue of Freedom, and enjoying a state of prosperity, since she has thrown
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off her dependence on Great Britain, hitherto unknown in the nations of Europe.

Ambassador,—a privileged spy; a genuine representative of royalty.

Ambition,—an irresistible stimulus to *personal* aggrandizement; a rage for foreign conquests; a sovereign contempt for *public* calamity, and an everlasting attachment to courts.

Ankerstrom,—a generous TYRANNICIDE, equal if not superior to BRUTUS.

Apathy,—a word characteristic of modern Britons.

Apostate,—one who barter his political principles for a sum of money, for a pension, a place, or a garter; Dumourier, Pitt, Burke, Moira, and other great men.

Argument,—proclamation, manifestos, Newgate, fine, pillory, BOTANY BAY.

Artistocrat,—a fool, or scoundrel, generally both; a monster of rapacity, and an enemy to mankind.

Army (standing),—an engine employed in monarchies, by which nations are enslaved. Dalrymple observes, that "slavery follows a standing army, as sure as the shadow follows the body."

Afs,—a beast of burthen. The celebrated naturalist Buffon says, that an *afs* is the most patient of

all animals; but the philosopher had never read the history of JOHN BULL.

Affertion,—the king's speech on opening the sessions of Parliament, 1794; the account of brilliant successes obtained by the combined powers; the British Constitution, the *chef d'œuvre* of perfection, the envy and admiration of the whole world; the inexhaustible resources, and unprecedented prosperity of England; the madness of reform; the necessity of carrying on the war; and, finally, the virtue of Mr. Pitt and his administration.

Affociation.—The meaning of this word has lately undergone a *revolution*. In former times it was deemed legal for Englishmen to associate, for the purpose of discussing political principles and their own rights. Such meetings were once held constitutional and meritorious; Pitt, the Duke of Richmond, and other *Friends of the People*, were the chief supporters of them. Now government deems them unconstitutional and *seditious*, and the associators stand a good chance of being confined four years in Newgate, or, if in Scotland, of being loaded with *irons*, and transported to Botany Bay. Nevertheless, on the other hand, associations are formed under the immediate sanction of this very identical Pitt, for the suppression of these once constitutional meetings, and *his* associators are regarded

garded by him as the only true loyalists, the best friends to their country. Sir George Saville was a distinguished member of the first associations; Mr. Reeves, a placeman, the *Prince of Spies and Informers*, is at the head of the latter. It remains for sober-minded men to determine, on which side the truth lies; it is for them to judge, between a common hireling and Sir George Saville, the *Patriot* of his day. Other associations are also *strictly legal*, and warmly countenanced by a *generous* aristocracy; such, for example, as are united for the preservation of game, and for bringing to condign punishment the *guilty culprit*, who shall have dared to kill a hare, or pheasant, that laid waste his half rood of garden, and destroyed its produce, intended for the support of himself and family.

Attornies,—a set of miscreants (for the most part) in rapacity and cruelty inferior to none, but those who exercise a jurisdiction over them.

Author,—Duke of Leeds; Lord Mountmorres; Honorable Frank North; George Hanger.

B.

Balance of power,—a catch-word that incites nations to war; the politician's dream; a word now falling into disuse, its fallacy being detected.

Bankruptcy,—a proof of national prosperity; the advantages resulting from our war with France,

France. Vide Dundas's speeches, Parliamentary Register.

Bargain,—ministerial loans; Brook Watson's contract; 200,000*l.* a year subsidized to the King of Sardinia, to enable him to defend his own dominions; subsidies to the Elector of Hanover and the Landgrave of Hesse Cassel; a pension of 1500*l.* per annum to the Jesuit of St. Omer's; the pecuniary douceur granted to Sir Gilbert Elliot, for his services at Toulon, &c. &c.

Baronet,—Sir Francis Molyneux.

Barriſter,—loquacity, impudence, presumption, vanity, consequence, sophistry, inconsistency, and self-interest. Garrow.

Baſtille,—Newgate; New Priſon, Cold-bath-fields, finiſhed under the SPECIAL DIRECTION OF Mr. PITT.

Beggars,—national prosperity! (Spital-fields) (ruined manufactures).

Biſhop,—a wolf in ſheep's cloathing.

Blindneſs,—the Engliſh nation; 'none are ſo blind as thoſe who won't ſee.'

Bombaſt,—Lord Grenville, and Pitt's ſpeeches, Vide Parliamentary Register.

Boxing,—a fashionable amuſement, lately in great vogue, and chiefly patroniſed by *Princes of the blood, and Nobles of the realm.*

Brag.

Braggadocio,—Colonel Tarleton, Sir Watkin Lewes, Sir Roger Curtis, Sir Sidney Smythe.

Brass,—Dundas.

Bravery,—the *Royal Dunkirk Hero*, Lord Mulgrave, Earl Howe.

Briton,—slave.

Briton, (True) a ministerial newspaper, synonymous for *true informer*, despotism, lies, self-interest, and corruption.

Brunswick, (Duke of) the *victorious hero* who threatened to exterminate twenty-five millions of people, if they did not submit to his arbitrary conditions; and who, in less than a fortnight afterwards, was completely routed and put to flight, by a few volunteers of the above people.

Brutality,—thief-takers; the keepers and turnkeys of gaols. A judge passing sentence of DEATH against a *youthful* convict not *fourteen* years old, for STEALING FIVE SHILLINGS. The late Earl of Lincoln, now Duke of Newcastle, prosecuting a countryman for killing a hare on his estate, and afterwards declaring, on being told the magistrates had *only* condemned the man to six months imprisonment in the county-gaol, that had he known the sentence would have been so *mild*, he would have prosecuted him in the Exchequer, when he might have been able to transport the *culprit* to Botany-bay. The Lord Advocate of Scotland's speech
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in the English House of Commons, on the case of Muir and Palmer. The amusements of Princes and nobles; boxing, cockfighting, hunting down hares, shooting partridges, woodcocks, &c. &c. draymen abusing their draft horses, and the Earl of Darlington, a young-NOBLEMAN, possessing 50,000*l.* a-year, riding one generous animal *sixty miles in six hours*, and thereby causing the horse's death! Quere, Which be the greater brute, his lordship or the horse?

Budget,—new taxes; an increase of influence to the Crown, and of misery to the poor.

Bully,—Lord Hervey, Lord Robert Fitzgerald, the British Envoys at Florence and Berne,

Burden,—a civil list, a standing army.

Butchery,—a regiment of English militia, at the command of their officers, firing on their countrymen, the unarmed inhabitants of Bristol, when a number of men, women, and children were killed.

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Calumny,—uniform abuse and exaggerated falsehoods against the French.

Candour,—Earl Moira, on his passage from opposition to administration; Pitt supporting the necessity for extending the prerogative of the Crown, and justifying himself for keeping up and enlarging the system of corruption, which he had formerly pledged himself to abolish.

Cannon,

Cannon,—the only argument of conviction to despots.

Chancery,—a tribunal which professes to have no other object in view than the strictest equity; an office requiring the most incorruptible honour and integrity, but which is generally filled by the vilest tools and sycophants of power, and, instead of being a faithful administration of speedy and impartial justice, is proverbial for its extortion and delays. This office is generally allotted as a reward for apostacy.

Chaos,—confusion; the British constitution, King, Lords, and Commons.

Charity,—enormous contributions for French rebels; an utter neglect of our own poor.

Chastity,—(virtu unique) Queen Charlotte.

Church,—a patent for hypocrisy; the refuge of sloth, ignorance and superstition, the corner-stone of tyranny.

Citizen,—the most honourable of titles; the definition of a virtuous man.

Clemency,—the court of King's-bench; the court of Justiciary in Scotland.

Client,—an unfortunate victim to ill-placed confidence, to the rapacity and plunder of lawyers.

Coalition,—an union of parties, when monopoly on either side is impossible, and when the principle itself is threatened, to defend and divide the leaves and fishes.

Cock (game),—a sanguinary, cruel tyrant. Vide the bill of indictment preferred against D. I. Eaton; where the Attorney-General compares a game-cock to a cruel, sanguinary tyrant, and says, that it must mean our most gracious Sovereign Geo. III.

Company, (East India)—chartered robbers, licensed murderers, sending out military ruffians to conquer, plunder, and desolate the remotest countries.

Confidence,—a word employed by statesmen, in order to preserve their power, and enslave a nation to their yoke.

Consequence,—Pitt, full dressed, surrounded by his myrmidons on the Treasury bench.

Consistency,—Messrs. Fox, Grattan, &c. &c.

Constitution,—a code of laws, founded in principles of equal rights, and general happiness, such as Kenyon and Ashurst define that of England, but which their practice proves directly the reverse.

Contractors,—a set of men who are known to live in luxury on the plunder of the ignorant, the innocent, and the helpless; upon that part of the community which stands most in need of and best deserves the care and protection of the legislature. In all Ministerial contracts, it is never a question of making a profitable bargain for the public; the only object is to enrich the contractor, who is always a creature of the Minister. Brook Watson, &c. &c. &c.

Contrast,

Contrast,—the invincible ardour, the independent spirit of a FRENCH REPUBLICAN; the tame servility, the fawning sycophancy of a *British courtier*; the RIGHTS OF MAN, by THOMAS PAINE; *the Nibel on the human race*, by the Right Honourable Edmund Burke; the manifestos of tyrants, the answers of freemen, the *impudent assertions* of Grenville or Mansfield; the IRRESISTIBLE TRUTHS of STANHOPE; a convention of the people, a parliament of aristocracy.

Corporation,—an infamous relic of the ancient feudal system; a tyrannical, exclusive monopoly, generally consisting of gluttons, idiots, and oppressors; brutes in a human form.

Corruption,—"the oil which makes the wheels of Government go well." Vide Arthur Young's Example of France, a Warning to Britain, p. 191.

Courtier,—Duke of Montrose, Lords Chesterfield, Elgin, Sidney, Rivers, Onslow, &c. &c. &c. a sycophant.

Court,—the dunghill that breeds the above vermin; the focus that consumes the industry and labour of the people. Halifax, himself a courtier, styles it a den of well-fed, well dressed beggars.

Cowardice,—military ruffians assaulting the Rev. Dr. Knox, his wife and daughter, at the Bright-helmstone theatre.

Crown,—a jewel that dazzles the eye of the vulgar by its extensive splendor; the gewgaw and pageantry which it displays, reconciles the nation to a bauble which costs a million annually to support, drained from the virtue of industry, and the sweat of labour. Partial splendour, public calamity.

Cruelty,—Lord Hood commanding a man of war filled with helpless prisoners to be sunk; the horrors perpetrated on men and women in La Vendee by rebels fighting against the liberties of their native country; criminal laws that inflict capital punishment for trivial offences; the **SLAVE TRADE**.

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Dagger,—a figure in rhetoric, unknown to ancient and modern orators, till the days of Mr. Edmund Burke, to whose *pointed* genius we are indebted for the discovery,

Damien,—a virtuous assassin, who aimed an abortive blow at the life of a tyrant (Louis XV.) who by his prodigality and brutal vices had scattered famine far and wide over his country, and corrupted the morals of a whole people. Damien underwent the most studied and excruciating tortures; his eye-balls were torn out; hot boiling lead, drop by drop, was poured into their sockets, and every refinement of cruellest invention
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practised on his mangled body ; and for what ? for an ineffectual attempt to rid the world of a monster, who every day of his life was the cause of misery and death to thousands. Damien expired on the bed of torture. The other was suffered to die in peace on a bed of state ; but after death, the people could not be restrained from venting their execration, and pointing their wrath against his *putrid Royal corpse*.

Death,—the grand leveller of human distinctions. Armed with his dreadful scymitar, he mows down princes and peasants indiscriminately ; but he is partial to sorrow and misfortune, visiting the wretched under their afflictions, and relieving them from all their troubles, while at the very same instant he will hurl a tyrant, in the plenitude of omnipotence, from his throne, and level the conqueror of worlds in the dust. He will stand invisible at the elbow of Kings, when they are meditating the most wasteful and unbounded schemes of ambition and conquest, the slavery of their own subjects, and the extermination of distant empires. Death in an instant blasts their infernal projects, and sends them to their account, with all their enormities on their heads.

Debauchery,—Carlton-house, Kempshot. The *Dunkirk Hero* in a fit of intoxication at three o'clock

o'clock in the morning at a brothel, surrounded by half a dozen prostitutes, watching a favourable opportunity to pick his pocket.

Scene in W.-t.-n's, Berkeley-street.

Debt (National).—*Politicians* describe the immensity of our public debt as the surest proof of our prosperity. *Philosophers* lament it, as the cause of unparalleled taxation and poverty to the people.

Degeneracy,—Old England.

Delusion,—the ruling principle and last surviving hope of the British Cabinet.

Democrat,—one who maintains the rights of the people ; an enemy to privileged orders, and all monarchical encroachments, the advocate of peace, œconomy, and reform. Aristotle affirms that liberty can never flourish out of a democracy. Montesquieu calls it the nursery of virtue.

Discontent (popular). In the aristocratic dictionary, sedition. When people, vexed and goaded by oppression, express discontent, aristocracy deems it sedition. The judges tell them they have *no right* to complain ; things cannot be better, and the *law* finally condemns them to the pillory, fine, and two years confinement in one of his Majesty's *Bastilles*, there to learn patience, resignation, and submission. The word will also admit of another construction. " When popular discontents have been very prevalent, it may safely be affirmed
" that

" that there has been something amiss in the *constitution*, or in the conduct of Government." —

Burke's Thoughts on the Cause of the Present Discontents. Mr. Burke's opinion has since undergone a complete revolution.

Disappointment,—Our Royal *Dunkirk Hero* raising the siege of that place, reduced to the necessity of leaving his artillery behind, and of saving himself by a precipitate flight; the evacuation of Toulon, and the recovery of King George III. in the year 1789.

Disinterestedness,—the rapacity of courtiers, increasing with the distresses of their country; Lord Grenville accepting the Auditorship of the Exchequer, a sinecure yielding ten thousand a year, while the nation is almost reduced to beggary; and Lord Loughborough giving up the Common Pleas for the Seals, at a time when, on an average, there was not more than fifty commissions of bankruptcy signed per week, and when the profits of each commission to his Lordship *did not exceed FIFTEEN POUNDS*.

Disimulation,—an art in which Kings excel. The late Louis Capet, King of France, fell a victim to the fatal skill with which he practised its refinements. There are other Kings still greater adepts in the art, and who continue to practise it with incredible success, although it is not morally
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impossible but a similar fate may finally befall them. *Fasts and prayers*, all the external cant of religion, are attributes of dissimulation. Halifax styles it "a jewel in the crown."

Divinity,—the Bench of Bishops uniformly voting in their capacity as legislators, against the maxims of the gospel, in support of war and extermination.

Drunkennes,—Messrs. Pitt and Dundas, when so intoxicated with liquor, as not to be able to articulate their words, engaging a vast majority in the House of Commons to precipitate their country into a war with France; the festivities of Brighton, Holwood, Wimbledon, Gordon House, Downing-street; the Duke of Norfolk drinking common gin with the *Royal Sovereign*, at her lodgings in Strand-lane.

Dullness,—Poet Jerningham's *tragedy*; the *Siege of Berwick*; Lady Wallace's *comedy*; Mrs. Robinson's novels; the House of Peers; fashionable routs; Monsieur Le Texier's *Readings*; and their Majesties private parties.

Dunce,—Lord G--nv-llc, Tom St--le, Colonel Cawthorne, &c. &c.

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Effeminacy,—a word, the meaning of which was once illustrated by the French nation, till the noble

ble spirit of republicanism destroyed the ancient character, and gave birth to those prodigies of heroism and magnanimity, that at present justly rank it the first nation of the earth. Effeminacy is now perfectly well described in Fop's Alley, at our Opera House in the Haymarket, by the descendants of Hampden, Sidney, Russell, and other British patriots. The two nations have undergone a complete revolution of character. *Regeneration and degeneracy.*

Emigrant (English),—one who, like Dr. Priestley or Thomas Cooper, is compelled to fly from persecution, and explore liberty in a far distant land, probably America, the states of Europe, for the most part, France excepted, being rank despotisms. The late dreadful punishments that have been inflicted under the sanction of a Government *calling itself free*; the restrictions imposed upon citizens, the intolerable and still increasing taxes, the foreign armies that have been landed, and the military barracks erected throughout the country, have produced an extraordinary effect on the public mind, and threaten such an emigration as ought to create the most serious apprehensions. When Mr. Pitt was called into power, the death-warrant of Old England's remaining liberties, and, with them, of her greatness, was signed. It were preposterous to suppose, whenever peace shall be establish-

ed, that Industry and Labour will devote their services to an old, exhausted, worn-out system, working its own dissolution, and which is only preserved in its present rotten state by an immensity of impost, that robs the virtues by which alone it is kept from mortification; while new constitutions, **UNTAXED**, with every advantage of climate, and all the irresistible charms of Freedom, shall invite them to emigration. England, thy Sun is set.

Emigrant (French).—one who flies his country struggling for freedom, and becomes its enemy; who enlists under a foreign banner to fight against it. One who labours by treason and massacre to revive that ancient despotism, under which so many millions of victims were born *without hope*, and perished *through want*, but under which, he himself enjoyed all the *milk and honey* of the land. One who leaves his wife, his children, and every thing that should be most dear and sacred to him, in the hands of his enemies, and who hopes to deliver them by sword, by fire, and by famine; who finds it unjust that these enemies (his countrymen, whom he has abandoned) should seize his effects, and treat him with rigour, although he publicly avows, that should he himself be victorious, he will shew grace and indulgence to none. One who complains also, that the foreigners, on whose services he relies, have the most in-

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interested and venal views, although at the same time he confesses that these foreigners owed no obligation to him, and that they all had ever been the secret enemies of his country, &c. &c.

Enemy (natural).—*National enmities* have been always produced and encouraged by kingly and priestly policy. The wolf is the *natural enemy* of the lamb; the vulture of the dove. *By instinct they are so. They must live;* but one people can never be the *natural enemy* of another; unless we consider mankind in the same savage light as the vulture and the wolf. A nation is no more than a member of that large family, the human race, and can only flourish in proportion with the felicity and welfare of the whole. What greater absurdity can be imagined, than that a people who owe all their prosperity to commerce, that is to say, to their connections with other people, should call themselves the *natural enemy* of this or of that people, and indeed of every thing that is not confined within their own circle! Is it not evident that this abominable prejudice is kept up by a gang of *plunderers* and *monopolizers*, under protection of CHURCH and STATE, who find their advantage and emolument in it?

Enquiry,—according to the modern construction, signifies Sedition. In the old English dictionary, it was held a CONSTITUTIONAL PRIVI-

LEGAL, derived from MAGNA CHARTA and the BILL OF RIGHTS, for the people to *enquire* into the conduct of Kings or Ministers, and into the errors of their government; but all things now seem in a state of revolution, and, according to Mr. P-tt's new code, which is implicitly adopted by all the legal courts through the three kingdoms, *enquiry* implies disloyalty, sedition, or treason, and they who are *audacious* enough to claim this ancient *obsolete* privilege, expose themselves to the penalties of fine, pillory, or imprisonment, and if in Scotland, of transportation for fourteen years to BOTANY BAY. The people, however, begin to murmur at the revolution that the word has undergone, and to *think* this is not altogether a FREE country.

Enterprize.—This word implies judgement to conceive plans, with ability and skill to execute them. The *best* definition of the word may be found in the history of our last campaign against the French in the years 1793-94, and in the gallant Earl Moira's *projected economical* expedition to the coast of France.

Equality,—in the *Alarmist* vocabulary, signifies every thing morally and physically impossible; equal wisdom, equal strength, equal wealth, &c. &c. but equality *truly* signifies, both in France and England, as well as every where else, "EQUAL
"RIGHTS;"

"RIGHTS;" a RIGHT of every citizen, not disqualified by nature or by crime, to the protection and benefits of society; a right of voting for the election of those who are to make laws by which he himself is to be bound; by which, his liberty, his property, and his life are affected, and an equal right of exerting to advantage the genius and talents which he may possess—the equal rights of nature.

Extermination,—the principle of the war in which the combined powers are engaged against France;—to *destroy* twenty-five millions of people, or otherwise to *force* on them such a government, as these combined powers, in their *clemency* and *wisdom*, shall approve: such is the war in which the rulers of nations have involved their subjects; in which, already more than 300,000 men have been slaughtered, during the course of two campaigns; nevertheless, these horrible massacres seem only to have increased the fury, by which these despots are stimulated; and thus myriads of innocent, ignorant victims still continue, without reflection, to obey the tyrants order, and to yield their willing throats to the butcher's knife. "Ye gods, what havock does ambition make amongst your works!"

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Faction,—in its *primitive* sense, signifies mischief, conspiracy, opposition to good and lawful government;

ment : likewise, *secret* cabals or an *open*, violent contest between two unprincipled, restless, rapacious parties, for a monopoly of the spoils of a plundered, exhausted people. In another, that is, in the *Ministerial* sense, *faction* is *virtue* ; but a *virtue* liable to the heaviest penalties and punishments. Associations of citizens peaceably met together for discussing the abuses of Government, and for deliberating on the safest and most effectual method of procuring their reform ; an enquiry into the measures of their servants, (the Ministers) and an exercise of those privileges, which Englishmen were taught by some of these ministers themselves to believe inherent in their *free* constitution, are now construed into faction, and thus, the word is possessed of *two different* significations.

Whether Mr. P.'s *modern* reading, or the *ancient* construction be the *just* one, well deserves the serious consideration of our *popular societies* throughout Great Britain and Ireland, who would act wisely in affording to their *heaven-born* Minister, a *striking* specimen of *their* opinions on the subject.

Perhaps, after all, the most accurate definition of the word *faction*, is to be found in the coalition between alarmists and courtiers, in defence of R.-y.-l prerogative, of extravagant sinecures, supernumerary places, and unmerited pensions ; as well

well as of every other species of corrupt influence, against the rights and liberties of mankind ;—in the confederation of Kings against the independence of the French Republic, as solemnly ratified by the people, through the organ of representatives, FAIRLY and CONSTITUTIONALLY elected by their OWN FREE UNBOUGHT suffrages.

Faith,—credulity, superstition. An article loudly extolled and vehemently insisted on, in all ages, by PRIESTS and KINGS. Success has crowned their exertions. Mankind, on every occasion, have opened a gullet wide enough to swallow the absurdest paradoxes, the most glaring impossibilities. Only say, that “an army of soldiers was seen last night to pass over the moon,” and you will immediately perceive a vast legion of implicit believers making their comments and remarks on the *phenomenon*, explaining it on the authority of scriptural prophecies. Nothing too preposterous for popular credulity, which has been always fed and cherished by the great leaders in Church and State; knowing this, on that basis only their empire depends. Thus have nations by dint of error and superstition, for a vast succession of ages, yielded themselves up to the dominion of royal or priestly authority, which, in most instances, have formed a coalition for the purpose, whereby

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the community have been plunged into a fathomless abyss of servitude and ignorance, from which patriotism and philosophy have hitherto laboured in vain to rescue them. The FAITH inspired by *priestcraft* and *state-craft*, is the prime cause of that misery and tyranny, which, to this hour, continue to rage through the universe. The *SOURCES OF THE WORLD* are held out by *PRIESTS*, as the *VICEGERENTS OF HEAVEN*, and the opinions and consciences of men, till very lately, have been almost entirely directed by *priests*; but as their empire is terribly convulsed by the revolution in France, which has served so essentially to enlighten the human understanding, may it soon be totally destroyed, and may Wisdom, Peace and Philanthropy erect a lasting throne, on the wreck of FAITH, Error, and Superstition! Their reign has been too long; they have ruled with an iron sceptre. It is time for Peace to fix her residence amongst us. The Millenium, however, can never arrive, till FAITH in *priests* and sovereigns be annihilated. Their interest, their ambition is war—the grand engine of CHURCH and STATE.

Fame,—a term in general most barbarously misapplied. Murderers have been stiled heroes, and conquerors gods. To immortalize *their* memory, mausoleums have been raised, the arts of invention ransacked, and the imagination of genius exhausted;

ed ; while the *real benefactor* of mankind, cast during his mortal pilgrimage in an humble sphere, may after death, continue to rot in an obscure, neglected grave, without any honourable memorial to preserve his name from oblivion ; but it is time such unnatural prejudices and unjust distinctions should cease. Every generous spirit aspires to FAME. It should be the virtuous study of philosophy to give to public gratitude a proper direction. Too long have genius and talents been prostituted at the footstool of power, to adulate the crimes of CONQUERORS and KINGS. A brighter example is due. Let us *justly* bestow the meed of Fame.

Let us strew choicest flowers o'er the tombs of virtue ; let us venerate with pious sorrow and affectionate gratitude, the blessed shades of Hampden, Sidney, and Milton, those *true heroes*, who, during life, had virtue to resist, and fortitude to endure, the fiercest malice of *tyrannic* power. Let us consecrate to immortality, the memory of all those patriots, who have suffered and bled for the sacred cause of Freedom.

Let us also be liberal in our praise and benefactions towards those generous martyrs for righteousness' sake, who are now groaning in cruel bondage, banished to a far distant, barren, and inhospitable shore, the victims of a most ferocious des-

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potism. Let us pour the balm of consolation on their wounded souls, and ensure to them the noblest enjoyments to which they aspire ;—the praise of their fellow-citizens, the applause and admiration of posterity.

Let 'em remember that they carry with them the regret, the esteem, the affection of their countrymen ;—of such, at least, whose hearts are not dead to humanity and to justice.

Let them cherish the grateful hope, that the system of delusion and tyranny is about to expire, that their sufferings will be of short duration, that their chains will be broken on the heads of their oppressors, and that their return will be hailed with acclamations of joy, by an applauding and regenerated people.

Let 'em also reflect that the breasts of the merciless tyrants who torture *them*, are *themselves* tortured ;—not by the pangs of sensibility and remorse, but by the scorpion stings of terror, anxiety and alarm, which incessantly goad them, and that amidst the tempestuous billows of the ocean, with all the devoted victims of evil Government and misfortune before their eyes, they enjoy more serenity of mind, more fearless slumbers, than the *unrighteous, hardened F—g—s* who passed the sentence against them, or than the INEXORABLE

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M-C-T-E who consented to the execution of that sentence.

Tremble, ye cruel Potentates, who plunge your subjects in misery and tears, who desolate nations, and convert the fruitful earth into a sterile burying ground. Tremble for your impending fate! It requires not the spirit of prophecy to foretell your d—f—l is at hand. Shudder at the sanguinary traits with which history, incensed, will unfold your characters to future ages;—neither your splendid monuments, nor your imposing victories, nor your unnumbered armies will prevent posterity from insulting over your execrable remains, and avenging their ancestors on your horrible transgressions.

Such will be your inevitable doom on the approaching æra of light, which promises to break in upon us;—while the virtues that ye have profcribed and banished shall be rewarded, and the memory of the martyrs to those virtues, be consecrated by the grateful voice of just and unperishable FAME. They will be remembered by remotest ages, for having stood forth, in a most eventful and dangerous crisis, the intrepid champions of LIBERTY and TRUTH;—while *you* will be only recollected as examples of horror, from the cruelties and enormities ye have committed, under the mask of *Piety* and *Religion*: ye shall be consigned to

eternal INFAMY, while *they* (as we have often repeated) shall flourish in EVERLASTING FAME.

Famine.—For the existence of this word, we are indebted to the *magnanimous* exploits of CONQUERORS and KINGS. It is generally applied in an extensive sense, signifying whole nations or provinces reduced to a want of the necessary articles of life; a general scarcity. Indulgent nature had liberally provided, throughout the world, every thing requisite for the sustenance and use of its inhabitants, and it is only by an ungrateful abuse of her liberality, by a departure from her mild and equal system, that man is become his own tormentor. The fatal politics which European governments have either preserved, or borrowed from the old feudal system; the encouragement granted, especially by kingly powers, to exclusive charters and monopolies; an irresistible incentive to avarice and speculation; the miserable distinctions into which they have split society, and the plans invented, under the plausible but murderous pretexes of commerce, for the purposes of robbery and plunder, have inflicted, amongst so any others, this horrible scourge on mankind. Monarchical governments are particularly *well skilled* in the arts of reducing a nation to a state of *famine*. When the English bought
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up all the rice at Calcutta, the natives daily expired by thousands at the doors of the houses inhabited by our countrymen, and the jackalls were tranquilly beheld in immense numbers pouring down from the mountains, to regale themselves on their carcases, and to drink their blood; yet this dreadful spectacle made little impression on British sensibility. One individual, Sir Francis Sykes, originally a shoe-black (happy for the poor inhabitants of Bengal, had he never quitted that obscure harmless station) is supposed to have acquired 200,000l by the above monopoly, by which almost as many Indians are supposed to have perished; so rigidly did they adhere to the purity of their religion, which prohibits in all cases, the use of animal flesh: nevertheless Sir Francis has been long returned to Europe with his wealth, enjoys unmolested, *otium cum dignitate*; has a seat in the British Senate, boroughs at his command, and has been rewarded, by our most gracious Sovereign, with the title of *Baronet*.

Famine is one of the gentlest instruments employed by our heaven-born minister in the present just and religious war with France. All the treasons he has fomented, all the massacres he has planned and caused to be committed, having proved insufficient, he still indulges the hope of being
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able to starve twenty-five millions of people, and thereby at last to conquer that nation.

It has been well observed by a sagacious writer, "that if there ~~no~~ *KINGS*, there would be "*no WARS*;" and, certainly, if there were no wars, there could be no conquests; of course, famine would be unknown; for nature, seldom or never, in the worst of seasons, is herself so rigorous, even in the most barren regions, or where the inhabitants are most addicted to sloth and effeminacy, as to refuse supply of their real wants. Indeed in those countries where the heat of climate disposes the natives to indolence, nature in general yields her gifts spontaneously; whereas, in more ungrateful climes, the people are prone to toil and labour. But war does the business effectually in all countries, however fertile or industrious. During the war previous to the peace of Ryswick, the price of corn was *double* in England, and in *Scotland quadruple* its ordinary rate; and in one of the years pending that war, eighty thousand persons died of *WANT* in the last mentioned country. Nevertheless, while Kings, Prelates, and Nobles, are not exposed to the horrors of *famine*, it is perfectly *consistent* that the people should always, as at present, 1794, co-operate with their leaders to inflict it on themselves. When famine rages in the heart of a country, the prodigality of a court expe-

experiences no abatement; there it is unfelt; courts are exempt from the calamities which they spread over the universe.

Fashion.—Whatever custom prevails amongst the great, whatever mode of dress, particular idiom of expression, or *cant* word, is by them employed; we stile *Fashion*; and, in general, no matter how contemptible, mischievous, or unnatural, we are eager to adopt and practise the absurdity.

Thus we perceive, what a vast influence *Fashion* must necessarily have over the morals of society, and how much its welfare consequently depends on the example of the superior orders. It is therefore to be lamented, that those to whom we look up as our *bettors*, should so seldom set up VIRTUE as a *fashion*; but that, instead thereof, they should only afford us an example of the most extravagant follies, of the rankest debaucheries. If a Prince of Wales should delight in the most violent excesses of the table, it is then the *fashion* to be eternally drunk; if he should, on every occasion, display symptoms of heedless and unbounded prodigality, it is then the *ton* to fix no limits to our expences; or, if he should take it in his head to talk nonsense, it then becomes quite the *fashion* to do like the Prince, and talk like a fool. Hence the contagion immediately pervades every department of the community,

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from his Royal Highness's LORD IN WAITING down to the *lowest journeyman shopkeeper*.

In like manner if a Duke of York, anxious to make a splendid parade of his *great military talents*, should cry out for war, the whole British noblesse re-echo the sound, and the nation breathes the same warlike spirit, till after two or three unfortunate campaigns, the treasury drained, commerce decayed, manufactures annihilated, the mass of the people reduced to beggary, they begin to deplore their madness, and to invoke the blessings of peace. Now then is arrived the season of reflection; now is the time for Britons to deliberate on the policy or impolicy of implicitly submitting to the doctrines, or blindly adopting the principles, of the Great. Now is the time for them most seriously to consider whether society owes any obligation to *their virtues*, whether it ought to entertain any rational hope of improvement, or happiness, either from *their exertions* or sacrifices; and, finally, it becomes necessary now to determine, how far it will be wise or prudent, any longer to abide by those FASHIONS, which, for so many ages, have been imposed on the world.

Fest (by proclamation),—a *farce*. The people called on to go to church and neglect their business, while ministers are celebrating their carousals, and getting drunk at each other's houses. An
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impious mummery, or rather blasphemy. We are told of our national sins, and, in expiation of them, are instructed to beseech the GOD OF PEACE to bless our exterminating principles of war; to set ourselves up as a people distinct, on whom exclusively, he ought to shower his benign protection, and to crown our efforts, in destroying countless millions of his creatures. A court juggle; a flimsy jesuitical contrivance to inflame the public mind, and to give the clergy an opportunity of promulgating their slavish maxims, their political heresies from the pulpit.

Favourite (Royal).—Weak and arbitrary princes, from the first establishment of monarchy, down to the present day, have always had their *favourites*, their Minions, their KNIGHTS of the BACK STAIRS; many of whom have eventually fallen just sacrifices to the vengeance of a people who could no longer endure their outrages and enormities. A wise Prince has no other *favourite* than the people. He can have no right to squander *superfluities* on *favourites*,—to keep up prodigal establishments for them, while the nation is crushed by a weight of taxes, and a majority of it reduced almost to a want of *necessaries*: but, as nothing can be more capricious than a monarch's fancy, the situation of these gentry is not the most enviable or secure; and the examples yielded by

history are rather a drawback on their tranquillity. They may be compared to sun-dials, which, while the sun shines upon them, all the world are eager to consult, but are at once forsaken, and left to their fate, as soon as he has withdrawn his rays.

Festival,—holiday,—a day set apart for the commemoration of any honourable or prosperous event. The GREEKS and ROMANS celebrated their triumphs by Olympic games, that trained their youth to martial exercises, and which have been so beautifully described by their poets and historians.

The FRENCH REPUBLIC displays all the sublimity of sentiment, all the richness of imagination, and ardour of patriotism, in those civic *festivals* which the Convention decrees, in honour of any splendid victory, or important advantage, which the arms of Liberty achieve over the forces of Treachery and Despotism. Magnificent processions, no longer sullied by the ignoble badges of superstition and fanaticism, but embellished with all the insignia of peace, freedom, and equality, animating citizens with an invincible hatred of tyrants, and a sacred love for the divine cause in which they are engaged. Painting, music, sculpture, all the arts, elegantly and honourably brought forth for the common service of mankind. A spectacle combining the happiest assemblage of simplicity and grandeur,

grandeur, which it is impossible for a generous soul to contemplate without glowing with the immortal spirit of justice and philanthropy.

The English observe *their festivals* in a different manner. Of late, God knows, they have had few triumphs to celebrate; but they have still their public days of rejoicing;—a Prince of Wales, or Duke of York's birth-day! when oxen are roasted intire; and, as if the people were not already sufficiently stupified, they are to be further lethargized by dint of BEER and PORTER, of GLUTTONY and DRUNKENNESS. Then they are taught to shout "*God save the King*," and to believe all human virtue and morality contained in that senseless sound. The *only GENIUS* which displays itself in these our *English festivals*, is the GENIUS of Brutality, the GENIUS of Delusion, or the GENIUS of Confusion, the whole system of right and wrong confounded, order perverted, vice and folly exalted to the skies, virtue and talents sunk in the dust;—a profligate blockhead, whose sole merit probably hangs on a royal escutcheon, held up as a PAGOD of adoration, while a man like Gerrald, with transcendant abilities, and most amiable modesty, is *tamely* beheld, in violation of all ENGLISH law, of every principle of justice, languishing in Newgate, hourly expecting to be

seized and dragged to the vessel that is to convey his poor infirm, emaciated body to Botany Bay.

The best illustration of these different entertainments, is displayed in the civic *festivals*, as arranged by David, and exhibited in the Champs de Mars at Paris, an account of which may be seen in Jordan's Political State of Europe, and in the *splendid feasts* given in honour of a royal Prince or Duke's birth-day, at Brighton and other places; an account of which may be seen in most of our periodical journals for the months of August, 1791-92. From the contrast, Britons may, in some degree, be enabled to form an estimate of the virtues and genius peculiar to each nation. To know the difference between a

BRITISH ROYALIST, & a FRENCH REPUBLICAN

GOD SAVE THE KING.

VIVE LA REPUBLIQUE.

Amen.

Financier,—a Chancellor of the Exchequer who excels in taking money from the people's pocket in the easiest and *genteellest* manner. When it is necessary to raise a loan, or to levy taxes, the minister, like the frog in the fable, ready to burst with the sense of his own dignity and importance, collects around him the monied men of the city, and attends to their different propositions, with all the affected gravity of his station. He then consults one confidential and experienced friend, who is al-

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ways employed on these occasions, whose advice he uniformly follows, and then, wrapt up in the mantle of pride and consequence, he goes down to the House of Commons, opens his budget in an eloquent, elaborate speech, in which he shines with borrowed feathers, and thus on the merit of another, Mr. Pitt acquires the *reputation* of a most accurate calculator, of an excellent *Financier*.

Flat,—a kind of *flash* word, describing a person easily imposed on, unsuspecting, credulous. One who suffers himself to be cajoled by *words*, without looking to *works*. One who talks of the excellence of our constitution, at the very moment when the constitution is violated in all points; one who has implicit belief in the *parliamentary orators* who declare "that the people do not pay enough for their *happy* government," while they are taxed at the rate of *seventeen shillings in the pound*, and who urge as a plea against surrendering the least part of the profits arising from their sinecures and pensions, that in so doing, they would encourage a belief that the government was not worth so much as was paid for it.* Great Britain at this day is the land of *Flats*.

* Vide Mr. Montague's speech on Mr. Harrison's motion for appropriating a part of certain pensions and sinecure places to particular purposes.—Morning Post, Wednesday, April 9th, 1794.

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Flattery,—a sort of base money, which has a vast circulation in *Courts*. It cannot be described better than in the words of a modern author: “Reversing all the rules of justice and humanity, matured in the vile arts of adulation, at the same time arrogant and overbearing, a *courtier* will turn his back on transcendent merit; in the garb of modesty and misfortune; while with fawning smiles, he will cringe at the heel of the most despicable folly or hideous despotism, if invested with the sacred robes of royal impunity.

“The *trade* of *courtiers* is *flattery*: it has passed uniform and systematic in its progress through a succession of ages; and, on princes the least deserving, it has generally been lavished in most copious streams. *Mæcenas*, the patron of *Genius*, degraded his high character as the parasite of *Agustus*; and the muse of *Boileau* was prostituted to sooth the pride, and gratify the vanity and ambition of *Louis XIV.* who, in his day, was the scourge and tormentor of *Europe*.

“Tyrants, whose crimes reflect obloquy on human nature, have been deified during life, and canonized after death; till *flattery*, having lost its object, Reason resumes her empire, and the once triumphant monster buried in the dust, his infamy

"infamy revives; Truth conquers in her turn,
 "and honest History paints him in faithful colours.
 "The *sceptered murderer*, whom the
 "*Christian Church* hailed as the *Faith's Defender*,
 "and *he also* was nicknamed the FATHER OF HIS
 "PEOPLE, who received the prostituted incense
 "of praise, even from persons, who, in that age,
 "were regarded as models of primitive simplicity
 "and virtue; now stripped of his gorgeous and
 "royal robes, long since reduced to the common
 "level of mortality, is surveyed in his *true*
 "*native light*, in comparison with whom *Commodus*,
 "*or Nero*, were gods."——*Treachery No*
Crime, p. 4, 5, 6.

Fool.—It was once the fashion in European courts
 to keep a fool for the diversion of *kings*. A *fool* is
 not at present specifically mentioned in our civil
 list although we all know that it is clogged with
 many *fools*, for whose *follies* and prodigalities,
 John Bull is *foolish* enough to pay most extravagantly,
 while he himself is hardly indulged with a morsel
 of bread to allay his hunger. The old custom
 of retaining a *fool* and *jester* is not altogether
 obsolete at the British court. Quick, the low comedian,
 and the Earl of C—st—f—ld, are two distinguished
 favourites and companions of our *wise* Monarch
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Fortune.—like the sun, makes the vilest reptiles
 shine. The house of a Prime Minister is regarded

as the *Téple* of *Fortune*. No deity ever had so many *votaries*. The temple, at present, is in Downing-street, where myriads assemble to pour forth their adoration; but the *WOODEN GOD* is threatened to be demolished; and, whenever the danger approaches, all the *votaries* will run away, and the *IDOL* be dashed to pieces; so precarious, so *very* precarious, is *Fortune*.

France.—The day probably is not far distant, when all the governments of *Europe* will make *amende honorable* to the French Republic, and when all the people of *Europe* will invoke benedictions on it, as their saviour, their deliverer, in having enabled them to purge the earth of their tyrants and oppressors. A nation once of the most abject slaves; now a race of heroes! When liberty is to be the prize, what miracles may not be expected?

Fulsome.—Charles Fox eternally passing compliments in his parliamentary speeches on the infamous *B—ke*. The manner in which members of both Houses of Parliament address each other. Noble Duke, Noble Lord, Right Honorable Gentleman, Learned Friend, &c. &c. &c. This language may very properly be styled *fulsome*, since it is generally applied to the most unfeeling and corrupt beings of the human race.

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Gaming,—a vice originating in avarice, almost universally predominant.—The example of the great serves to encourage it, the lower classes being never very slow in endeavours to imitate their superiors. Gaming, therefore, rages through all ranks and conditions—from the tennis-court in James's-street, to the skittle-alleys in St. George's-fields;—from the speculating, peculating adventurer, who, at *one stroke* with the Minister, gains 50,000*l.* by the purchase of a lottery, down to the unfortunate female servant, who pawns to her last rag to ensure the number of which she dreams last night. It is impossible for a *gambler* to risque his money so disadvantageously as in lotteries; but they are dressed up in a meretricious garb, to entrap the ignorant and inexperienced.

Nothing can betray the profligacy of a minister more, than his everlasting recourse to this murderous instrument of revenue; this encouragement which he annually holds forth to the depravation of morals, and to the general injury of society. But what signify the morals of the people? It is his business to corrupt them; for he knows full well, that if the people had any morals, they would soon *hurl him from his place*; for which reason, *gaming* and all other enormities are encouraged

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which *bring in grist to his mill*, and which have a tendency to preserve his authority.

Gaming is an abominable vice, and always thrives in proportion to the corruption and degeneracy of a people. It was ingeniously observed by a French moralist, respecting *gamblers*,
 “On commence par être dupe, on finit par être Fripon.”

“We begin by being dupes, and finish by being knaves.”

As this is too often the case, an honest man had better be content in any station, than embark on the dangerous ocean of *PLAY*. The *French Republic* have abolished lotteries, and enacted severe laws against *gaming*. But the French are *Atheists*, and what is *much worse*, they are *REPUBLICANS*.

Garnish.—When a poor prisoner is committed to gaol, he fares but rudely, unless he *tips* the turnkeys and gaoler their *garnish*, which is the *cant* word for money on these occasions. This *garnish* produces miraculous effects; it strikes off the heaviest irons from the leg of the *MURDERER*; while, for want of it, the limbs of the *INNOCENT* are often loaded therewith. *Garnish* is a word perfectly well understood in all our *courts* of law, and although rather in the *flash* vulgar style, it is not altogether unknown in more polite and *immaculate courts*.

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For a further illustration of this word, consult Messrs. Hastings, Loughborough, Harry Dundas, Mad. Schwellenberg, Charlotte, &c. &c.

Garter (order of the).—The pride of modern nations converts even the play-thing of an infant into an object of glory and emulation. The English triumphantly boast that *their Kings* never wore any *foreign order*, while many foreign Kings and eight Emperors, have been decorated with the GARTER. Virtuous exultation! But the *free* nations of antiquity were not *vain* of the *vanity* of others. The Greek and Roman commonwealths fixed their affections on different objects.

We have in England *right honourable* and *noble* *Garters* of various colours; but the *blue*, which, by way of preference, we call *THE Garter*, is reckoned the prettiest; and *my Lord* will at any time give up the *green*, or the *red*, to get at the *BLUE*, which makes him the *happiest* of men, and is considered by this GREAT Nation, as the *ultimatum* of GREATNESS: if, therefore, he be not speedily presented with a ribband for his neck, of a *coarser grain*, we may expect to see our *heaven-born* Minister invested with the *Garter*. *In either case, he will be exalted.*

Government,—an universal contract, the object of which is the happiness of a state, for whose benefit it was formed.

Whenever the object is not attained, it is *natural, lawful, and right*, to alter the government, and the only competent judges in these cases are the people themselves; who, while they enjoy plenty, security, and freedom, will necessarily support the system which insures to them those blessings; and who, by a parity of reasoning, will murmur and complain, and, at length, resist, when they find themselves oppressed by sumptuary and sanguinary laws, and borne down by a weight of taxation, that renders all their industry and labour fruitless.

“That government is best which the people think so, and they not I, are the *natural, lawful, and competent judges* of this matter.” Burke’s Thoughts on the Cause of the present Discontents.

Economy is the wisest principle of all virtuous governments. Whenever we perceive a departure from this principle, and a nation providing luxuriously for myriads of pensioners and placemen, by exorbitant salaries, and when we hear those minions asserting their *well earned* claims (which consist merely in the fawning sycophancy of courtiers) to those salaries, boasting of them as a reward conferred on their services by the *best of princes*; (the old hackneyed language of pensioned slaves,) although it be from the pockets of a starving people, and not from the overflowing treasures of this BEST OF PRINCES, that the payment is extorted

torted;—when we witness these GENTRY refusing to yield up the smallest part of their sinecures and *douceurs* towards the expence of the war, in which they have involved those who are suffering the most grievously and innocently from it, and when we behold the lethargy of the people, under all the bitter calamities that have been thus wantonly and barbarously inflicted on them, tamely submitting to the provoking arrogance, and glaring falsehoods with which they are insulted, we may safely say that both the *government* and the people have reached the acmè of degeneracy and corruption; but as evil governments, in the first instance, corrupt the morals of the nation, so by excess of their corruptions, is a nation finally regenerated. So it was in France:—so will it be in England.

In monarchical states, the art of government generally consists in taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens, in order to bestow it on another class; and what *ought* to be very *extraordinary*, instead of taking it from the rich, to improve the condition of the poor, it is extorted from the poor, to pamper the luxuries of the rich. For proof of this assertion, consult the history of our civil list.

There are in print many more books on government, than there are princes on the earth, yet with three or four thousand volumes on the subject, kings still appear mainly ignorant of their duties,
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altogether unskilled in the art of governing mankind.

The maxim in kingly governments, "that kings " can do no wrong," seems to be borrowed from the scriptures. Puffendorf observes that David having sworn *not* to attempt the life of Shimei his *privy counsellor*, did *not* violate his oath, when [according to Jewish tradition,] he ordered his son Solomon to *put Shimei to death*, because David had *only sworn* that *he himself* would *not* kill Shimei. Puff. book IV. ch. XI. art. XIII.

Puffendorf, by approving this conduct in the *Lord's Anointed*, sanctions an example, that will not be much to the *taste* of PRIVY COUNSELLORS.

"Let the good of the people be the supreme "law." Such is the fundamental maxim of nations. But the good of the people is made to consist in destroying their neighbours, and in seizing their possessions. THE RIGHTS OF WAR. Old as the world is, at this very day it would be impossible to point out one *government* favourable to the art of thinking, or to the improvement and delights of society. The nation that attempted, and is still struggling to confer this benefit on mankind, is marked out by the rest for destruction. *Government*, according to the present system, being for the advantage of the few, to the detriment of the many,

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the few having the *power* in their hands, are straining every nerve to increase that *power*, and to render themselves invincible; but the *natural* strength lies in the *people*, and whenever they are roused to exert it, all factitious *unnatural powers* will be at once destroyed and buried in the dust.

Of all *governments*, hereditary monarchies are certainly the most *unnatural* and preposterous, for, agreeably with this system, the chances are far more probable, that a nation be governed by folly and vice, than by wisdom and virtue, since it will hardly be denied, that the majority of the world is composed of the former. Indeed all history confirms this TRUTH.

But there is a kind of stupid vanity in men, that inclines them to flatter the *government* under which they are born, "though it be the most servile and "miserable on the earth." Modern Romans are proud of St. Peter's church, and of their antique Grecian statues; yet it would be better for the people, that these superb monuments were a heap of ruins, if thereby they were to be better fed, or better clothed; and happier, far happier would it be for humanity, and more honourable to its character, if all the treasures of the churches were, as in France, made national property, and converted to public use.

All governments which have hitherto existed had their origin in conquest and terror. Their prin-

principle "le droit du plus fort," the right of the strongest, —we have heard triumphantly boasted the glorious republics of Greece. But what a government must that be which drove Aristides into banishment, and which condemned Phocion and Socrates to death! Yet these republics, it must be confessed, were *comparatively* excellent; far superior to the Government of the neighbouring monarchies. The ancient republics did not understand the representative system.

Puffendorf, in his seventh book, chap. v. *promises* to examine, which is the best form of government. He tells us, "that several have pronounced in favour of monarchy, and that others, on the contrary, are furious against Kings; but that, for his own part, it would be FOREIGN from his subject, to enter into the reasons of the latter;" and perhaps it would be wise in us to imitate the example of Puffendorf, and be silent; therefore we shall conclude the article on the word government, with the following allegorical fable.

"An eagle ruled over all birds throughout the whole country of Oritnia; it is true, that he had no other *right* than that of his *beak* and his *claws*; but nevertheless, after having provided for his own luxuries and pleasures, he governed as well as any other *bird of prey*.—

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To give,—bribery and corruption. In its original sense, quite out of use.

Gown,—a robe of innocence, when applied to the church. If a parson should insult a citizen in the grossest manner, the insult must be passed over; his *gown* protects him. *Gown* also, as appertaining to lawyers, with the addition of an enormous wig, constitutes learning, purity and patriotism. It is this same *gown* that gives consistency to versatility, makes abuse candour, makes egotism virtue, makes vanity modesty, and gives to brutality the semblance of spirit: in short, it can convert a *Rook* into a *great man*!

Gownsmen,—at Oxford and Cambridge signifies a dashing young buck, who is keeping terms of riot, extravagance and debauchery in a college, to qualify him afterwards to appear in London with *ecclat*.

Grace,—in women, generally means the extremity of affectation and unnatural contortions. Vide Miss Farren, the Duchess of R——, the divine p———, and the sacred C——, &c. &c. *Grace*, when in conversation applied to a duke, means *nothing*. Thus *his Grace* the Duke of Leeds, has no signification!

Gracious,—proud, insolent, false, and contemptible.

Grandmother,—a term of reproach never to be forgiven, if applied to a lady of fashion.

To grasp,—a never-ceasing aristocratic endeavour, and the principal object in view of the members of both houses of parliament.

Grateful,—obsolete. It is at present used for *great fool*.

Gratification,—belongs to the few, and is derived from the sufferings of the many.

Gratis,—the King of Prussia's subsidy.

Grave,—for British troops,—Flanders and the West Indies.

Greatness,—in its primitive sense, liberty, valour, honour, virtue and benevolence; at present, drunkenness, tyranny, extortion, treachery, and arrogance.

Greedy,—George Rose's moderation; sixteen thousands a year, and not satisfied.

Grimace,—Lord Lauderdale's patriotism, and Dr. Moore's candour.

Groan,—sedition.

To grumble,—high treason.

Grunt,—a hog's cry; the complaint of the Swinish multitude, or the people's lamentation.

Guess,—how Pitt will be able to get through the present war.

Guilt,—patriotism and detestation of tyranny.

Guillotine,—an instrument of most rare and humane invention, lessening and shortening the pains of death to condemned criminals; so called after the

the name of the inventor, who is said himself to have died under its axe.

As it is the custom to *decapitate*, and not to *hang* KINGS, there should be a *guillotine* in all monarchical states, that in case of ACCIDENT, their MAJESTIES might not be exposed to suffer long and unnecessary torture. The unfortunate Duke of Monmouth received four strokes from the executioner, before his head was severed from the body. With the *guillotine* such *mistakes* are impossible; the business is at once effected; as the machine falls, so sure is the head to be that instant taken off. But notwithstanding its easy and immediate operation, it strikes terror into the coward and guilty breast. Mr. P-wis the *Alarmist*, member for the county of N-th-mpt-n, has declared, that he had rather see ARBITRARY POWER established in England, than that a GUILLOTINE should make its appearance in the country. Nevertheless, several first-rate mechanics are reported to be at work, in order that the people may not be disappointed, supposing it should *enter into their heads, that they had occasion for one*. To the French we are indebted for this discovery; and Europe ere long promises to borrow all their modern political improvements from that nation.

Gun,—an engine of destruction; so heavy, that

a man

a man in England can't carry it for less than a hundred a year.

To gull,—a ministerial and aldermanic recreation.

Habeas Corpus,—hitherto considered as the palladium of British liberty, but now, by an act of Parliament, *suspended*. On account of this suspension, Messrs. John Horne Tooke, Hardy, Thelwall, Joyce, Richter, and others, have for many months languished in prison, without any specific charge, and without, at their first commitment, any prospect of being brought to trial. If Britons can thus be treated by ministers, what is liberty? what is despotism?

Hag,—a fury; a she monster; an ugly old woman. Madame S———n; Lady Cecilia J———; Mother Hannau; Mrs. M———gue, and the Empress of all the Russias.

Half-seas-over,—the most respectable state of sobriety amongst princes and ministers.

Halter,—the future recompence of many great men.

Happiness,—"that state in which our desires are satisfied. Good fortune. Happiness cannot be positively ascertained, because the various and contrary choices by which men are guided in their pur-

pursuits, prove that all persons do not place their happiness in the same thing," *Locke*. The object to which we aspire for happiness, often proves our bane and destruction. The only true happiness rests in virtue.

Hard-heartedness,—cruelty; want of compassion. Magistrates and judges acting under arbitrary governments are a perfect illustration of the word *hard-heartedness*.

Hard-heartedness,—the characteristic of the best of men!

Harlequin,—a buffoon. A particular favorite of George III.

Harlot,—the wife of a prince, declared so by the wife heads in Doctors' Commons, who can set aside all religious ceremonies, and reverse the decrees of the Almighty.

Harmony,—concord, equality. "The pleasures and advantages derived from *harmony*, are merely the effects of *equality*, good proportion, correspondence; so that *equality*, that bugbear to aristocracy and kings, and correspondence, are the causes of *harmony*." *Lord Bacon*.

Harmony,—the majority of both Houses of Parliament! The Combined Powers! The Court of Justiciary in Scotland!

Har-

Harvest,—the season of reaping the fruits of the earth. A good or a bad *harvest*, according to the constitution of monarchical governments, has very little effect on the price of provisions. In the most plentiful seasons, the price is still kept up; prodigal landlords rack their tenants, and thus the people derive no benefit from the bounty of Heaven. The rich devour that *harvest* which the poor man's labour procures.

Harvest,—a plentiful crop of taxes well got in.

Haste,—hurry; precipitation. This word cannot be better explained, than by a reference to the Dunkirk hero and his army at the siege of Dunkirk, and on sundry other occasions.

Haughtiness,—our immaculate minister; Lord Mansfield; Lord Loughborough; and the devil.

Havock,—defolation; slaughter.

—————“KINGS cry *havock*;

“Até by their side repeats the sound, and lets loose
“the dogs of war.”

SHAKESPEARE.

“See! with what heat those DOGS OF HELL ad-
“vance,

“To waste and *havock* yonder world, which I

“So fair and good created.”

MILTON'S PARADISE LOST, Book II.

Hazard,

Hazard,—the conquest of France.

Heaven.—The best definition of this word, is the conscience of a virtuous man.

Heaven-born,—the most infamous of mankind.

Heir,—one who, according to the wise laws of primogeniture, is to inherit all his father's possessions, to the detriment of his other relations, although he be polluted by every vice, and they endowed with every virtue. Thus, monsters have inherited dominions, and become the scourge of the human race; and thus mankind will continue to be tyrannized over, and to be miserable, till they have courage and wisdom to unite, to shake off the yoke, and get rid at once of all those barbarous prejudices and preposterous customs, that have so long poisoned their existence. [Swift observes, that heirs to titles and large estates have a *weakness in their eyes*, and a *tendernefs in their constitution*.]

Hell,—a place of torment; where there is neither liberty of speech, nor liberty of thought, nor liberty of action; where men can be imprisoned at the will of a minister, without ever being brought to trial; where the rich exult and riot at the expence of the poor; where vice triumphs, profligacy prevails, and war, taxes, and desolation are the *consolations* of the people.

Hell,

Hell,—the conscience of a TYRANT. REX;
TYRANNUS.

Hemp,—a plant with which they make ropes. Never did the cultivation of *hemp* deserve more encouragement than in the year of our Lord 1794; when the horrible crimes of aristocracy seem to be preparing punishments that will require a vast consumption of the above *salutary* vegetable. The *guillotine* is not yet introduced into England.

Heraldry,—a substitute for virtue, honor, and integrity.

Hereditary,—worse and worse. The claim of folly; the boast of infamy; and the pride of vice.

Heresy,—an abjuration of nonsense and superstition.

Heresy,—the rights of man, and the promulgation of truth.

Hero (Young),—a young prince, without sense, without knowledge, and without virtue, who commands armies, under the direction of some officer of skill and experience.

Hero.—This word, in its literal sense, signifies a person eminent for *bravery* and virtue. According to the modern reading in England, it signifies a young prince, from the stews of debauchery and excessive dissipation, invested in an instant with the

the command of numerous armies, which he directs at pleasure, without ever exposing his own *precious* person within four miles distance of the least danger. The city of Valenciennes surrendered to the *valour* of the renowned *Dunkirk hero*, while it is a notorious fact, that this same *PRUDENT* commander was never within five miles of the place during the whole time of the siege. The *heroism* of this *illustrious Chief* may be more severely tried before he arrives at Paris; an expedition which he appears to have so *dearly* at heart. His magnanimous uncle, the Duke of Brunswick, threatened in like manner; but neither was that veteran *HERO* *up to the achievement*. Paris still holds their *HEROISM* in mockery and defiance, notwithstanding the brilliant and *UNBOUGHT* advantage obtained by the surrender of Landrecies.

Hanover.—From the year 1740 to 1756 it was a place not to be found in the map, a *poor, pitiful electorate*; but being the patrimonial territory and the electoral dominions of our Most *SERENE SOVEREIGN*, must be preserved as a mill-stone about the neck of England, the ruin of our treasury, and the grave of Britons. Thus happy are we in our German connections.

Hero,—the great Duke of York; Philip Astley, Esq. of Hercules-hall, Lambeth, Marshal Frey-

tag, Prince of Saxe-Cobourg, the Prince of Orange, and General Paoli.

Hesitation. "Intermission of speech." John-son. Squire Rolle and Squire Drake, whenever they rise to speak in the House of Commons, afford a tolerable idea of *hesitation*.

Hiccius-Doccius,—a cant word for a juggler in any station. Justice Mainwaring is an *hiccius doccius*.

"An old dull fool, who told the clock

"For many years at Bridewell-dock,

"At Westminster and Hicks's Hall,

"And *hiccius doccius* played in all;

"Where, in all governments and times,

"He'd been both friend and foe to crimes."

HUDIBRAS.

Hideous,—the countenance of William Pitt.

Hierarchy,—an ecclesiastical establishment, whose principles are *pomp, splendour, and revenue*. Jesus Christ, the Founder of our religion, on the contrary, preached *poverty, humility, equality*. *Christian* Bishops delight and revel in wealth and palaces, yet, departing so wide from its maxims, they are insolent enough to uphold the excellence and orthodoxy of the *Christian* system. An invention of *priestcraft*, which, united with *statecraft*, helps to dazzle and enslave the unhappy, deluded people,

Hint,

Hint,—insinuation; gentle suggestion. *Hints* are often as significant and expressive as downright plain speaking, and produce the same effect. Sometimes indeed they fail. The combined powers have received pretty broad hints, how mad and desperate it is to attempt the conquest of France. "But in blood they are plunged so deep, that, without consulting justice or humanity, they hold it now as safe for themselves to advance, as to retire. They will take no hint. They have set their all upon a cast, and are resolved to stand the hazard of the die."

Hireling,—venal, corrupt, designing men, all those who act for interest—John Reeves, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

To hire,—to give places, peerages and pensions.

History,—formerly a true and just record of past transactions; which if executed now in the same manner, would be termed a libel, and call down the vengeance of the Attorney-General.

History,—the relation of past events.

Historiographer,—historian, paid to conceal the truth. It seems the ancient despots had neglected this precaution, to save their memory from the judgment of posterity. It is not requisite to unite the qualities of Tacitus to be a modern historiographer, but those of Dr. Johnson, Arthur Young, &c. &c.

Holy,

Holy,—the present war, the slave trade, the pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Bishop Horsley.

Honour,—a quality that will carry a patriot to Botany Bay, a vulgar prejudice: in high life it means the debauching your neighbour's wife or daughter, killing your man, and being a member of the Jockey Club, and Brookes's gaming-house.

House,—(though your own), yet in England a place of no security, as ruffians may enter it and pillage it as they please, and drag the owner away to prison, whenever the Minister thinks proper.

Humanity,—every species of violence, injustice and oppression.

Humility,—the Marquis of Buckingham.

Hypocrisy,—the most thriving of all qualities.

Hypocrisy.—Hypocrisy of humanity, is the most odious of all hypocrisies. Can we behold without HORROR, a man who condemns a war, as iniquitous and unjust, take upon him the command of an expedition, diabolically criminal, the object of which was to arm citizen against citizen, and the child against his parent. When the EXECUTIONER lifts his murderous arm against his fellow creature, he is the instrument of the law. But what name can be applied to the merit of the unprincipled military savage, who has taken up arms in a cause which he admits and acknowledges to be unjust ! *

Hypothesis,

* Earl Moira's expedition to the coast of France.

Hypothesis,—the British army marching victoriously to Paris.

I.

To jabber,—to talk idly, to prate without thinking, to chatter; like young Jenkinson, Mr. Canning, Tom Steel and others.

Jacobin,—every man who dares to object to any part of the conduct of administration; every man who disapproves of the present war with France; and every man who wishes for a parliamentary reform and an equal representation of the people.

Ice,—a cold substance of which the hearts of most GREAT men are composed.

Idol,—an object of weak and ignorant adoration. Thus it is often asserted, that a HEAVEN-BORN minister is the idol of the people.

Idiot,—poor John Bull, in his present state of degradation.

Jewel,—something irresistably captivating to the eyes of a pious and chaste Queen.

Jester,—one who jests—a Jekyl.

Ignominy,—true patriotism, philanthropy, and incorruptibility.

Ignorance,—a committee of secrecy.

Ill-nature,—aristocracy, episcopacy, royalty.

To illuminate,—to darken the human understanding by every possible artifice. Thus the ministerial

terial newspapers of the present time may be said to illuminate the public.

Immediately,—in ministerial language, signifies some years hence, or perhaps never.

Imminent,—the dangers which threaten aristocracy.

Immoderate,—the national debt, taxes, tythes, and aristocratic insolence.

Immutable,—Mr. Pitt and his party; the system of spies and informers; the loyalty of peers, placemen and pensioners.

Implacable,—all the enemies of liberty.

Impiety,—a fast appointed to be observed, for the purpose of inducing the Supreme Being to favor our exertions towards the exterminating of twenty-five millions of the French.

Impertinent,—to pass a lord without bowing, or to look at ministers with a smile.

Impossibility,—for an Englishman to get promotion on the mere score of merit, without interest.

Importance,—a few yards of ribband strung across the shoulders.

Impress,—to take a man by force from his own home and the bosom of his family, and compel him to fight for his King and Country.

Imprisonment,—ministerial argument, or an answer to all complaints.

Improbable,

Improbable,—the Duke of York's march to Paris with his army.

Incomprehensible,—ministerial operations, Bishop Horsey's holiness, and Lord Loughborough's disinterestedness.

Independence,—the Duke of Portland, Mr. Wyndham, Edmund Burke, and other FRIENDS of their country.

Independent,—(freeholder) one who, on every election for members of parliament, sacrifices his conscience to his convenience, sets up his dear country, and his darling freedom to the best bidder, yet impudently finds fault with his representative, for following so laudable an example, nor suffers any body to be a scoundrel, without reproach, but himself.

Infatuation,—is the state of a nation when all the abuses of its government seem to constitute its pride, when it glories in its shame, and exalts to the skies the very men who have undermined its constitution, and reduced the people to the most abject slavery.

Innovation,—a term applied to every species of improvement, and particularly dreaded by corrupt rulers, as well as by all placemen and pensioners.

Inquiry,—sedition, a crime of the first magnitude, and which is to be punished by *fine*, imprisonment, and pillory.

Insatiable,

Insatiable,—aristocratic avarice of power, wealth, and titles.

Insensibility,—those unfortunate military machines, who suffer themselves to be flogged, half starved, and shot at, for the sake of glory, and fixpence *per diem*.

To insnare,—to enlist men for his Majesty's service, by decoying them into houses of ill-fame, then by beating them, and by every species of cruelty forcing them to accept a shilling.

Insolence,—the treasury bench, St. Stephen's.

Ireland,—(the people of) a noble and spirited nation, inviolably attached to us, by every tie of friendship and esteem, and who, on every occasion, hazard both their lives and fortunes in our defence; yet to whom we constantly make such just and grateful returns, as to omit no opportunity (however illegal and arbitrary) of begging them, though the ruin of their interest lays a manifest foundation for the destruction of our own.

Irony,—a mode of speech, in which the meaning is contrary to the word; as Pitt is a great and worthy character; Wyndham a true lover of his country; the Duke of Portland a wise and independent patriot; Edmund Burke a man of the most virtuous consistency.

Justice and impartiality,—a captain's commission to a child not ten years old, while many a wounded

wounded veteran who have ventured their lives in the service of their country are *perishing through want*.

Justice,—obsolete.

K.

To kidnap,—to recruit soldiers for his majesty's service by delusion, and by inveigling them into houses of ill-fame, where, should the poor wretches so trepanned make resistance, or refuse to receive the proffered shilling of the *nominal* captain who attends there, they are sure to be plundered and beaten, if not killed.

King,—from the Saxon word Kuening, or Kuyning, is but the abbreviation of cunning or crafty, the usual distinction and epithet for knaves. According to SWIFT, a *king* ought to be nothing but a SCARE-CROW placed in the midst of the fields to DEFEND the corn; instead of which they have almost ever been the WILD BEASTS which DEVOUR it.

King,—the chief magistrate of a state, generally hereditary. Kings were held in utter detestation by the ancient Romans during the time of the Republic; and they are in like manner execrated by the modern French. A million a year sterling is a mere trifle to support a king, who is perhaps seldom seen, and leaves all the trouble of

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govern.

governing to his ministers, who frequently, under the sanction of his authority, plunder the People without mercy, and involve them in sanguinary and unnecessary wars. — Kingcraft seems every where to be now upon the decline, or, in other words, “ *Kings are ripe !* ” The chief excellence however in an Englishman’s character at this time is loyalty, i. e. royalty, or a love for kings !!!

King (infallibility of the).—By the express declaration of our laws, an English prince is a piece of royal infallibility, incapable of doing wrong. The position that a king can do no wrong, must either tax the English nation with great injustice, or great inconsistency. If a king can do no wrong, why was king James the Second banished? and if a king can do wrong, why the plague are we constantly affirming that he cannot? Either way we stand self-condemned; and if we are not set down as a nation of scoundrels, we must think ourselves pretty easy under the appellation of fools.

SWIFT.

King (disaffection to the).—whatever points out the grievances of the People, and endeavors to remove a weak and wicked minister.

To kiss (the breech of persons in power).—a sure and speedy way to get preferment.

Knight,

Knight,—a strange sort of an animal into which the king sometimes transforms a man; thus Sir Watkin Lewes, Sir James Saunderfon, Sir Jeffrey Dunstan, and Sir Sidney Smith, are knights.

Knowing,—is applied to being acquainted with every species of aristocratic foppery and vice.

L

Labour,—the occupation of the Swinish Multitude, who are kept to it twelve hours a day, though it can hardly procure subsistence for a wife and family, as, considering the present enormous taxes, six or seven shillings a week is scarce sufficient to provide bread for one. This same labour also is held in the utmost contempt by the useless great, though at the same time they derive all their luxury and exclusive advantages from the exertions of the industrious poor. A hard-working man and a poor devil are synonymous terms in the language of Aristocracy.

Lady,—the wife of any titled man; it is supposed to mean something more than woman. To call a lady, WOMAN, would be the highest insult!!!

To lament,—the portion of the inferior orders of society; who, however, are told, in compassion to their present sufferings, that their reward and happiness is to come hereafter.

Lash,—in the plural, is applied to soldiers who commit faults; seven hundred or a thousand lashes with a cat-o'-ninetails being frequently bestowed upon them by way of discipline, and to strengthen their loyalty.

To lavish,—to spend money like a prince, at the national expence.

Lavishness,—folly in an individual, but robbery and speculation in a prince. Blessed be God, *our* princes have not THIS SIN to answer for among their many!!!

Laureat,—a man paid by a king to write odes in his praise.

Law,—a very expensive commodity, rather more advantageous to the rich and prosperous, than to the poor and wretched.

Lawn,—when cut into an immense pair of pudding-sleeves, denotes sanctity and wealth; it is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace; it is the glory of the church.

Laws (agreeable to the Constitution),—acts which are passed by ministerial influence, and have an immediate tendency to incroach upon the freedom and property of the subject.

Laws (transgression of the),—an exertion of that natural right which every man has to a hare or a partridge belonging to his own grounds, and which

which destroy both his corn and grass, by the authority of Parliament.

Laziness,—nobility, gentility, episcopacy.

Leveller,—the man who wishes to behold the GLORY OF THE LAWS march horizontally on the heads of all mankind.

ABBE RAYNAL.

Liable (to be sent to Botany Bay, or be hanged, drawn, and quartered),—all persons who find fault with the present government, or exert themselves to procure a Parliamentary Reform.

Libation,—a ministerial offering to the prosperity of Old England.

Liberty and Property,—an indispensable necessity of keeping game for other people to kill, with pains and penalties of the most arbitrary kind, should we think of appropriating the minutest article to the use of our own families.

Lie,—a gracious speech! a falsehood.

Thou liest, abhorred Tyrant, with my sword
I'll prove the *lie* thou speakest.

SHAKESPEARE'S MACBETH.

Life,—is a state of existence which is to be sacrificed by the *lower* orders of society whenever kings and ministers think proper—witness the reeking plains of Flanders.

Light,

Light,—in Great Britain a taxable commodity.

Loaves and Fishes,—the great objects of aristocratic contention, the disposal of which constitutes the chief merit of a heaven-born minister.

Lord,—a creature made by a king, and which cannot be defined.

Lordling,—a little lord; a lord Montfort; a lord Valletort.

To lordlings proud I tune my lay,

Who feast in bow'r or hall,

Tho' dukes they be, to dukes I say,

That pride will have a fall.

SWIFT.

Lords (of the ocean),—the sensible and spirited people of Great Britain, who have a naval force considerably superior to all the other states of Europe put together, yet servilely do homage to a nest of African pirates, and pay a yearly tribute to a set of robbers, whom they ought to root out and extirpate from the face of the earth; a much more noble act than the extirpation of the French people.

Loyalist,—a placeman; a pensioner; a lord; a bishop; a rich man; an Edmund Burke; an Arthur Young; and a Mr. Reeves.

Loy-

Loyalty,—to hallow in a public theatre for the song of God save the King! to praise the present glorious, just, and necessary war! and to oppose every species of reform.

Loyalty (true),—extends to one's country as well as to the prince; and to oppose tyranny is no breach of *loyalty*, but an essential branch of it. LOYALTY (as the very word imports) is such an attachment to both king and people, as is founded on the laws; and a hair's-breadth beyond law, *true loyalty* does not go.

AUG. TOPLADY.

Luxury,—profusion, debauchery; Carlton-House.

M

Madness,—in political life, an over-heated brain with disappointed ambition. It has lately appeared in distempered ravings against the French, in vehement gesticulation, in throwing down a dagger in the midst of an intemperate speech, and in writing books full of obscurity and mysticism, filled with extravagant fictions and false rhetoric. The case of one Edmund Burke, who has been lately afflicted with this disease, will illustrate the ordinary phenomena of this mania. See the list of patients,

tients, most of them incurables, in the history of St. Stephen's Hospital.

'Tis the time's plague when madmen lead the blind.

SHAKESPEARE.

Magna Charta,—an idle word, IDLY made use of by the populace, signifying a natural right of being governed by just laws, equally distributed, which they constantly suffer to be trampled on, and an inherent claim to the possession of those privileges which they have neither sense or spirit enough to possess.

Majesty.—This word once signified greatness of mind; but since it has been used as a title for kings, it has of course acquired a contrary interpretation. It is indiscriminately applied to a Trajan and a Louis; a Harry the Fourth of France and a George the Third of England.

Majority,—the cattle belonging to the ministry; or, in other words, a set of men whose business it is to plunder the nation, under pretext of representing it. The greater part of them, during a debate, are lounging about the lobbies, or dining at Beverley's. When the harangues are over, they are summoned by their keeper, and ranged in the order in which he wishes them to be placed. Some of them are in a profound sleep at their own houses when they are obliged to attend a division upon

Upon war and peace, or some other solemn and important question; and, having performed their legislative functions, with unbuttoned breeches and ungartered hose, they return as expeditiously as possible to their beds. But there are always some who sit in the House to utter "hear him," as loud as they can bawl, when the minister or Lord Mornington is making a drowsy speech. This tribe has been augmented since the rise of the new sect of Alarmists. See *Alarmists*.

Malcontent,—a hog that is shut out of its sty on a frosty night, and who grunts to be let in.

Malcontents,—the greater part of this nation; consisting of the laborious poor, from whom the earnings of impoverished industry are squeezed and torn, for the support of our happy Constitution, the pride of the world! the envy of surrounding nations! &c. &c.

Malefactors,—either in Parliament, or on the highway. The former are supposed to belong to a more dignified class than the latter. The difference in their fortunes is very great; the one class is elevated to places at court, and rewarded with pensions; the other is elevated to the gibbet, and rewarded with a rope.

Malevolence,—a new figure of rhetoric, introduced by Mr. Pitt into his speeches.

Man,—a degenerate, degraded animal; the victim of kings, priests, and courtiers. Born to be free, yet content to be a slave. *Homo est duplex animal*, say the old school-men. When he is independent and free, he is the noblest work of the creation, the image of his Maker; but when he is a subject to monarchs, and duped by their ministers, he is the vilest wretch that crawls upon the earth. When he starts from oppression, and breaks his chain, he presents an awful and sublime spectacle, on which the gods might look with pleasure; but sinking into ignorance and slavery, he is the scorn, the disgrace, and the derision of every class of animated beings.

Manage,—to hood-wink and deceive. “Let us alone, and we will manage JOHN BULL, I’ll warrant you.”

SWIFT’S Miscellanies. Hist. of John Bull.

Mange,—applied to dogs infected with the mange; and metaphorically to the House of Commons.

Manifesto,—a kind of composition in which bullying generals and lying ministers excel. The Duke of Brunswick threatened to put all the Parisians to fire and the sword; and he gave the French notice of it by means of his celebrated manifesto. But, owing probably to the badness of the roads, as

well

well as other unavoidable accidents, his Serene Highness, after having proceeded part of the way, was under the necessity of postponing his journey.

Manifesto,—an assemblage of lies and deceit, used by crowned villains and their military slaves to justify their usurpations, injustice, and treachery. That which was published by the duke of Brunswick, in the names of the Emperor and the King of Prussia, exceeds by far every thing of the kind. If the ancient chiefs of the HUNS and VANDALS had known how to write, they would have preceded their invasions by manifestos less barbarous and inhuman, and less absurd.

Manufacturers,—according to the definition of the minister, a discontented set of men, who, being infected with sedition and Jacobinism, clamor against a just and necessary war, because it deprives them of their trade, and starves their families!

March,—a military movement; at some times quicker than others. When the Duke of York marched from Dunkirk, the pace of his army was what the coachmen would call "the long trot."

Market,—of two kinds; 1. such as that in Covent-Garden; 2. such as that in the House of Commons. In the one are sold fruit, vegetables, &c. in the other, men, consciences, integrity, and other articles of small value.

Martyr (a blessed),—a perjured prince, who broke his coronation oath in the most material of all points; governed without a Parliament; imprisoned his subjects for refusing to lend him money; commenced a false, villainous prosecution for high treason against a most deserving nobleman (the Earl of Bristol); reduced his people to the dreadful necessity of taking up arms in their own defence; and, by his shameful dissimulation when he was about to be restored, left it utterly impossible to confide in his honor, his humanity, or his oath, but drove the principal officers of the adverse party, in their own defence, to sit in trial upon, and sentence him to death. Truly, a very blessed martyr! Had this prince been a private man, who would have dared to say a word in his defence?

Mask (of religion),—worn by Sir Richard Hill, Thornton, and Wilberforce.

Mercy (of the law),—see the sentences of Muir, Palmer, &c. Concealing the murderers of young Allen, in St. George's Fields; the pardon of Balf and Macquirk for the murder of Mr. Clark at Brentford, because he polled against the ministerial leech; pardoning the two Kennedys, because their sister was a prostitute to a pampered titled slave.

Merit,—out of fashion at court; an obsolete word; and when met seldom rewarded, and almost universally shunned.

Metaphysics,—a confusion of the brain; Mr. Wyndham is a metaphysician.

Military profession,—the first of all professions in a free country, but the most despicable one in all that are otherwise.

Million,—a small numerical sign in political calculation. Thus, to give the king of Sardinia twenty-five millions sterling is to give merely a trifle, to the support of the *just* and *necessary* war! To talk of extirpating twenty-five millions of Frenchmen is to talk of a very easy and practicable experiment.

Minion,—a courtier; a buffoon; a dependant;
H—y D—s; J—n, &c.

The drowsy Tyrant, by his minions led,
Devotes to kingly rage the patriot head.

SWIFT.

Minister,—a word that comprehends all that imagination can conceive of the corrupt, the treacherous, the cruel, the vindictive, and the oppressive; all that is calculated to make human nature hang down its head with sorrow and with shame. Ministers, as Bolingbroke calls them, “are
“the

"the corrupt engrossers of delegated authority." They must be servile, and compliant with every humor and caprice of the sovereign, and they must learn to despise the rights, and undermine the privileges, of the People. If they can do this, as Pitt has done, after having cajoled them with delusive promises and expectations, they stand a surer chance of obtaining the royal patronage and favor; and to add cruelty to perfidy, arrogance to oppression, and insolence to folly, is the polished perfection of the ministerial character. Walpole was once thought to be too corrupt for a minister; but were such a man as Walpole to succeed Pitt, the utmost corruption of which Walpole was capable would be innocence and purity itself, compared to the black and detestable policy, the tricks, the baseness, and the low cunning, of his predecessor.

Minister.—I do not know how it is, but I never liked a minister in all my days. Our friends Oxford and Bolingbroke I had a sincere value for in their private stations, but in their public capacities I looked upon them both as little better than a couple of rascals. In fact, I believe it impossible for any minister to be an honest man: there are fifty thousand trap-doors, from the very nature of his

his office, in which it is next to impossible but his integrity must tumble. All *ministers*, as well as all priests, are the same.

SWIFT to POPE.

Mitre,—an emblem of servility, superstition, and bigotry. See *Bishops*.

Mob (Church and King),—a species of regular militia kept in pay by the ministry, for the protection of property against Levellers and Republicans. Some writers suppose that they are a constituted tribunal, to take a sort of summary cognizance on Jacobines, Dissenters, and Presbyterians; and that they form an important part of our happy Constitution. They were very serviceable at Birmingham, Manchester, and other places; and they are, without doubt, the most loyal portion of his Majesty's subjects.

Monarch,—a word which in a few years is likely to be obsolete. It signifies a man, who is begotten by another man, to rule over millions of his fellow-creatures; to trample upon their necks, and to build his own aggrandisement on the misery and degradation of his subjects. They are always the most unhappy and miserable men of the community; and at the same time the weakest, and the most wicked. The office is growing into disrepute,

pute, and mankind are daily seeing the inconvenience and folly of keeping up an humbug, which is at once ridiculous and pernicious, oppressive and contemptible. We have allowed them for a considerable time "to monarchise, be feared, and "kill with looks;" but their hour is expired, and the delusion is over. In a short period of time, the nurse, or the parent, will use the term as a bugbear for their children: "Hush, you naughty "child, the monarch is coming!" *Sic transflet gloria mundi!!!* See *Wars, Corruption, &c.*

Monarchy.—Though monarchies may differ a good deal, kings differ very little. Those who are absolute desire to continue so; and those who are not endeavor to become so: hence the same maxims in all courts.

CHESTERFIELD.

Multitude,—all swine, according to the natural history of kings and nobles.

Multitude (Swinish),—vid. *People*.

Murder,—see *War, &c. &c.*

My (pronoun),—possessive, if expressing the property; as when we say, **MY PEOPLE!** *my horse!* **MY KINGDOM!** *my lands.*

Nab.

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Nab.—To nab a cull is a modern vulgar, though technical term, in the new-invented system of crimping, signifying, to kidnap for the military service any young man who is imprudent enough after dark to frequent the infernal stews and brothel-houses, with which the *well-policed* metropolis abounds.

Nadir (of adversity),—in the political world, means that miserable state we have been in ever since the year 1760, anterior to which period we were comparatively in the *zenith of prosperity*.

Nania,—the goddess of funerals. The last funeral she attended was at the death of Liberty. She died unlamented; and Mr. Burke was the undertaker employed.

Naissant,—in political heraldry, is applied to a Tyrant's head, which is seen issuing out of the midst of Britannia's coat of arms. Under it is G. R.

Nakedness of the Land,—to be seen to great advantage any where in Great Britain, especially in work-houses, houses of industry, and in all manufacturing towns since the war. "To see the nakedness of the land art thou come."

HOLY BIBLE.

M

Name,

Name,—when applied to *great* men, means fame, renown. Thus George III. and Dionysius, Burke and Thomas Paine, Pitt and Robespierre, Bishop Horsley and Bishop Bonner, have all got names.

Nameless,—the good deeds of George, Pitt, Dundas, and their myrmidons the clergy.

Nap,—a political slumber, which John Bull is continually afflicted with.

Narcotic,—producing torpor and inaction. Oppressive proclamations, gold dust, and leaden bullets, are very strong narcotics, according to the new political pharmacopœia.

Narrow-minded,—see *House of Hanover*.

Nation,—a collective term, arbitrarily used for a small number of people, who, against the consent of a large number, agree to submit themselves and their posterity for ever, to the unlimited and uncontrouled tyranny of one man.

National Debt,—three hundred and thirty-one millions of pounds sterling, which is increasing every day, and with it, as we are told, our happiness and prosperity. To give some idea of this sum, if it was laid down in guineas close together in a line, it would extend upwards of six thousand miles in length. If it was laid down in shillings it would extend upwards of five times round the world, and would require seventy thousand horses

to draw it, at the rate of fifteen hundred weight each horse.

Natural Enemies (to England),—a nation that governs itself without a king, upon the principles of honor, virtue, and eternal justice.

Nave of a wheel,—the most essential parts of the political wheel. 'Thus the King, Lords, and Commons, are all *naves*.

Navy,—a floating hell, consisting of an assembly of huge, unwieldy, wooden castles, well stored with artillery, gun-powder, chain shot, cannon balls, grape-shot, bombs, hand-grenades, slugs, leaden bullets, sharp-angled pieces of iron, flints, glass, old rusty nails, salt-petre, brimstone, combustible cannisters, and every engine of destruction that will do execution. Most of the sailors who conduct and manage these useful machines, are torn by force from their wives and families, to assist monarchs in executing this only and universal object of their whole lives, viz, the extermination of the human species.

Nebuchadnezzar.—He was an hirsute king, and, like other brute beasts, ate grass and potatoes, whence the name of potentate (vide Lemon). It is thought by physiologists, that it would greatly conduce to the welfare of his people, if the king of Georgia was turned out to grass before the meeting of every session of Parliament,

Necessary War,—a war carried on by kings against the liberty and happiness of mankind.

Neck,—that slender part that is situated between the head and trunk of the body, on which the gentle axe, and gentler guillotine, glided across, and produced a *solution of continuity*, in the persons of the Tyrants Charles the First and Louis the Last.

“ Hear it not, *Duncan*, for it is a knell

“ That summons thee to heaven or to hell.”

MACBETH.

Necromancer,—Mr. Pitt, who, by means of charms and spells, and his opiate wand, conjures up the House of Commons and the Privy Council to his opinions. For many years, by the force of his incantations, he kept Liberty bound up in a little bottle, containing a solution of gold in the *fudicrous acid*, extracted from the brows of the laboring poor. This bottle was kept in the Treasury; and Mr. Windham, going there one day, very thirsty, hastily opened the bottle for a draught of this precious *aqua-vitæ*. The goddess immediately escaped and fled to France, on the 14th of July, 1789, where she has taken up a perennial abode, and never means to revisit these inhospitable shores.

Needy,

Needy,—the virtuous, the honest, the industrious, and the uncorrupt part of the community.

Ne exeat regno,—In despotic countries this is a writ to restrain those who are oppressed from leaving the kingdom. This is one of those arbitrary measures that none but a Tyrant would make use of, and none but a base-born abject people would submit to.

Nefasti dies,—those days wherein it is not allowed to administer justice. This has been the case ever since Kenyon presided in the court of King's Bench.

Negotiation,—a treaty or truce between two royal butchers who are at war with each other, to suspend hostilities, until the most expeditious of them have recruited his strength with men, ships, arms, and ammunition enough to renew the massacre with fresh vigor of brutality.

Negro,—a black beast of the Mammalia class, with flat nose, thick lips, woolly head, and ivory teeth, and with a face somewhat resembling the human. He is a biped, but clearly not a human being, as he is neither a Christian, nor can he talk English. This animal is very useful in our settlements in the West Indies, and admirably supplies the place of horses, asses, mules, and oxen, in cultivating the produce of those inclement islands. The flesh of their young is very white and tender
when

when fricaféed, which the planters in general prefer, for delicacy of flavor, to that of the adults, which is rather tough and fibrous, from excess of labor and coarse diet.

Neighborly,—to subsidize Prussia, Holland, Austria, and the king of Sardinia. To give slavery to the Poles, and to exterminate the French.

Nem. Con.—is applied when a motion or bill passes unanimously, and there cannot be found one honest man to stem the torrent of oppression, which flows from a royal source, through the muddy, polluted channel of an arrogant minister.

Nero,—a king. During the American War, there was published a caricature print of a reigning Tyrant, in the habit of a Sultan. Behold the man! The name of Nero has been proverbially applied to him, in common with other Tyrants.

Nest-egg,—a snug sinecure place under Government, capable of improvement by extortion and fraud; such as Admiral of the Cinque Ports, 4000*l.* a year, Keeper of the King's Hawks, 1374*l.* a year, &c. &c. &c. too tedious and too disgraceful to mention.

Nethermost Hell,—the country seat of Loughborough, Dundas, Pitt, and the whole crew of rascals round the throne.

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Neutral Powers,—those states which do not personally enter the theatre of war, but which promote this infernal trade by secret plots, machinations and conspiracies. See the history of the reign of George the Last; “What! stab a man in the dark! Oh! villain, villain!”

New-fangled doctrines,—those which have a tendency to promote virtue, happiness, and justice, to an oppressed and miserable people.

Newgate,—the English Bastille. A large handsome stone building, elegantly fitted up for the reception of lords and pick-pockets, physicians and strumpets, honest citizens and foot-pads, Jacobites and Jacobines, who form the bulk of the nation, under the name of Dissenters and Anti-Ministerialists.

“Clausi in tenebris cum mærore & luctu; morte
“graviorum, vitam exigunt.”

“Yet think us not of soul so tame,
“Which no repeated wrongs inflame.”

Newspapers,—journals, for the most part, under the immediate patronage and direction of the minister. It has been computed that about 1000*l.* a year will buy up a paper; the editor of which, for this consideration, is bound in a contract to calumniate indiscriminately the whole nation, viz. the Friends of Liberty, by the name of Levellers;
and

and the King, Lords, and Commons, and all the friends of the minister, by the name of Patriots and honest men.

Nick (Old),—a cloven-footed, three-tailed, 'pert, prim, pleader of the Northern race,' who presides in the Tartarus of England—the Chancery.

Nick-name,—to call the king, sapiens; the judges, probi; and the bishops, literati.

Niggard,—a king who has defrauded his needy and starving subjects of nine millions of pounds sterling. "Mercy on us, Mr. Guelph, where do you expect to go to when you die?"

Nim the Cits,—a technical term among crimps. Vide *Nab the Cull*.

Ninny,—one of the names of John Bull.

No, no!—echoed from the Treasury Bench in the House, and sometimes hear, hear! to confuse or drown the voice of any speaker who is guilty of uttering some unwelcome truths in the hearing of the people in the gallery.

Nobility,—a titled order of men, so called for their hereditary profligacy of manners, abandoned principles, and infernal depravity. Collect, if you can, in one human form, the associations of insolence, ignorance, pride, ignoble ambition, meanness of the basest kind, sordid viciousness, and every thing which is dishonorable, loathsome, and
depraved,

depraved, and you may form some faint idea of a modern nobleman.

Nobility.—Acquired *nobility* is a disease which is made to pass in the blood. “The *nobility*, which is and always will be the nursery and hot-bed of the satellites of Despotism, has found in its crimes its own punishment.”

MIRABEAU.

Nobility (privileges of the).—There was a time when the German lords reckoned amongst their privileges, that of robbery on the highways of their own territory. In Scotland they had a right to enjoy the first fruits of all maidens. Every where the lords sold the bondmen, or villains, as they did animals, with the field where they lived, and which they cultivated. The feudal servitude still exists in Russia, Poland, Germany, and Hungary. And there were considerable reliques of the feudal system in France; and there still remains some particles in almost every state in Europe. Nothing has degraded and debased the human species so much as *Feudal Tyranny*; and what remains of this most dreadful plague, is what *Mr. Burke* calls THE CORINTHIAN CAPITAL OF POLISHED SOCIETY.

Nobleman,—one that wishes you should seek in the roots for the fruit which should be found on the branches.

N

Nod,

Nod,—a quick declination of the head, by which the minister *persuades* the House of Commons to a concurrence with him in opinion.

Noli me tangere, Touch me not,—the motto to Pitt's coat of arms.

Nominative case,—the first case of declinable nouns.

HARRIS.

George and Pitt are nominatives, because they are both in the *first* case, and both *declinable*; but, they are nominatives *absolute*.

Non-conformists,—all those factious and evil-disposed persons who resist “the Oppressor's “wrong,” and will not conform to a system of intolerance and injustice. “Costoro hanno un “animo in Piazza, & uno in Palazzo.”

Nonjurors,—those who foolishly scruple to swear damnation to themselves. See *Papists*.

Nonplus,—the state of Pitt's mind when sober, and on the opening of the budget.

Noose,—a running knot, which is capable of fitting necks of all sizes. Very convenient for the People to have by them when summary justice is administered to wicked kings and corrupt ministers.

Nootka Sound,—famous for the produce of a few cat-skins, which we quarrelled about with the Spaniards. But happily for this country, our able minister

minister prevented a war by an armament which cost only four millions! " Incidit in Scyllam cupiens vitare Charybdim."

Nose,—a cartilaginous protuberance in the human face, to which (in Parliament men) is fixed a small wire, for the accommodation of the minister, to guide them at his pleasure.

Notes (Bank),—small slips of thin, silky paper, on which are engraved strong and forcible arguments in favor of arbitrary power. They have been much used of late, and possess wonderful powers of conviction. It is death, however, for the Swinish Multitude to *take off* these arguments.

Novitiate,—the time in which the rudiments of corruption are learned; exemplified in young Jenkinson and young Canning.

Nuisance,—vide *the Clergy*.

Numskulls,—Judge Ashhurst, Judge Rook, Garrow, and the Dunkirk Hero.

Nuncio,—a messenger from the army to inform us how far our troops have retreated, and how many victims are left unsacrificed, but ready for killing.

Nursery,—the court, for rogues and thieves, pimps and parasites.

O

Obedience,—that obsequiousness and blind submission which in countries on the decline of freedom men in power demand from the People. When Paul le Mesurier demanded (according to the ancient custom of his nation) housekeepers to imprison their lodgers, he demanded *political obedience*.

Obedience (passive).—To put your persons in prison, your necks in the halter, and suffer yourselves to be sent from your country, to fight and be butchered *against your wills, but according to the will of your Tyrant*, and pay heavy taxes for all this ABUSE, without murmuring, is PASSIVE OBEDIENCE in reality.

Economy,—a pitiful manner of furnishing the royal kitchen, and a profuse method of expending the money of the nation.

One.—Among men you see the ninety and nine toiling to gather a heap of superfluities for ONE, getting nothing for themselves all the while but a little of the coarsest of the provisions which their own labor produces; and this ONE too, oftentimes the feeblest and worst of the whole set, a *child*, a *woman*, a *madman*, or a *fool*; looking quietly on, while they see the fruit of all their labor spent or spoiled; and if one of them take or touch a particle

title of it, the others join against and hang him for the theft. *Vide King.*

ARCH. PALEY.

Opposition.—It is said that in England there is *opposition* to every thing except Shakespeare; but shortly we may likewise except the *Government.*

Opposition,—a set of men leagued to thwart the measures of the reigning minister; contriving false standards of popular freedom to the nation, and then deceiving them; pretending to sacrifice their interest to the People's good, but in fact *sacrificing* nothing but *principles* and *veracity.* The nation ought, in golden letters, to place before their eyes the fable of the lark and her young ones.

Orator,—in the present age, the member with strong lungs, assisted by an extensive memory, retailing *sentences* of Cicero by *inch of candle* in St. Stephen's Chapel. "*Happy the man who hath his quiver full of them.*"

Orgies,—the Bacchanalian repast of Billy the Tory, and Scotch Harry, during recess of business; and of infinite use to secure them from French Atheism.

Orthodoxy,—the adherence to those tenets and dogmas by which the animal is enabled, by patronage, corruption, and influence, to extend his
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views from the country church to the summit of the cathedral.

Ostentation,—the art of securing attention by blue ribbands, embroidered garters, journeys to St. Paul's, and Weymouth excursions.

Oversight,—the retreat of able generals from before the walls and battlements of Dunkirk; of experienced commanders from Tournay; and *brave patriots* from Toulon!

Overtures of Peace.—History has delivered to us the quarrels of potentates, and the vices of monarchs; it hath informed us of the mean arts used by princes, when war has no longer become practicable, either from the emptiness of the treasury, or from the remonstrance of their subjects. At this period, kings complimented each other, restored the conquered territory, and ended where they began. In the present time, different overtures must be adopted; new language had recourse to. We are contending, not indeed with the vicious Louis, or the haughty Charles; we are warring with a great and free people, who will alike disdain the artifice of courts, and the hypocrisy of statesmen. Our overtures, when we relinquish the system of conquest, must be open, manly, and generous.

Outcast.—Such is the fate of the man, whose reputation bore his name to the closet of every politician

isian in Europe; such deservedly the lot of that general, who, entrusted with the safety of the French nation, relinquished his honor for mercenary reward. He trusted to the principles of *Cobourg*, of *Clairfayt*, of aristocracy!—trusted to aristocracy! how weak his mind, how futile his experience, who accused nobles of virtue, integrity, or veracity. May the paths of *Dumourier* be the paths of apostacy.

P

Pacification,—by Dr. Johnson, termed the art of making peace. In modern cabinets, this word has no accurate definition; in fact, by them it is an art frequently talked of, but seldom practised.

Pageant,—a spectacle, by the lure of which a minister may draw money for himself and his friends, by amusing the public mind; such, for instance, was the Spanish armament in 1790; such the Russian armament in 1791; and whilst the People of England tamely suffer their privileges to be restrained, their rights pillaged, and immunities plundered, the same pageants will be erected, and the same spectacles displayed.

Painite,—every individual who will not sign his test in Mr. Reeves's Association; will not condescend to kiss the ministerial rod, held out to punish him,

him, or agree to arm for the sake of a constitution servilely adulized, and pompously extolled.

Palace,—the usual residence of monarchs, reigning (to quote an elegant author) in contempt of the People. Could we unite in one idea, the luxury and voluptuousness of aldermen, the meanness and avarice of parish officers, and the ignorance and servility of courtiers, we should form a just conception of the lodging and inhabitants of a royal palace!—*in Spain!!!*

Pannic.—Political instances may be shown in the examples of the Duke of Richmond's fortifications, Edmund Burke's prophecies, Mr. Pitt's crusade, and Judge Ashhurst's *mild sentences* for sedition.

Pantheon,—formerly used for the purposes of superstition, in a collection of fabulous deities and ennobled gods; lately used on the continent for the reception of false virgins, mysterious Jesuses, and pretended saints; at present exalted to the nobler design of conveying to posterity the names of great men, who have embellished science, decried superstition, or have promoted the best interests of man.

Papacy,—almost forgotten, until the soldiers of England protected the offices and dignities of the church of Rome;—until convents were permitted in this Protestant and religious country; and until the

the Bishop of Rome, the descendant of St. Peter, gave his holy benediction upon the united standards of Austria, Prussia, Holland, and Spain, to curb anarchy, and re-establish despotism.

Pardon,—in politics, denotes the forgiveness of an individual who, belying all his prior professions of patriotism and justice, forsakes the People's cause for a ministerial bribe, and is seated on the right hand of Billy Pitt, *whose mercy endureth for ever.*

Parliament,—a word sounding far, and signifying little; formerly it was freely considered as a check upon executive power, or as the bank which prevented the inundation of arbitrary caprice; at present it serves the purpose of ministry, by sanctioning those measures which their ignorance or vice has performed. It gave our ally Prussia money for which he is not accountable; it repaid the expensive armaments voted useless by the nation; and it gave sanction to ~~the~~ disastrous in its effects, and ruinous in its consequences. Such are your Parliaments; such your Representatives.

Parson,—formerly a respectable character, practising the mild precepts of the Christian religion, of which class a few remain. At present it denotes an animal visiting the university, subscribing to articles he has not yet digested, resigning the right of reasoning, considering *the Defender of our*
O *faith*

faith at least as infallible as the Romish Bishop, and finally beholding with enraptured eye the lawn sleeves and crozier of his Holiness the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Partition,—well exemplified in Poland by the Royal Gaoler of Europe, and the Northern Bear; at present a word rather in disrepute, since the failure of this practice in a neighboring Republic.

Partition.—The partition of Poland, by the three combined crowned thieves, is the most famous partition of modern times. That of France, which was thought so easy, notwithstanding all the Duke of Brunswick's skill in tactics, still remains a problem.

Partnership.—This word, by L'Esfrange, is called, "the union of two or more in the same trade." *Quere*. Will the firm of the house of Messrs. Austria, Prussia, and Co. satisfy the demands of their creditors; or, where must they apply for a statute of bankruptcy?

Party.—There never was any party in which the most ignorant were not the most violent; for a bee is not a busier animal than a blockhead. However, such instruments are necessary to politicians; and perhaps it may be with states as with clocks, which must have some dead weight hanging

at

at them, to help and regulate the motion of the finer and more useful parts.

SWIFT.

Party Jury,—means, in law, a jury of half foreigners, half natives;—in political practice, it means a Winterbotham jury, *****
cetera defunt.

Pastime,—the sport or amusement by which some kings are diverted; as by armaments, battles, sieges, and massacres.

Patience,—is a virtue said to belong peculiarly to *cuckolds* and to *asses*, in company with whom we with justice may place the People of England.

Patriot,—not the individual seeking personal emolument by temporary professions, nor the oppositionist who votes the supplies for the war he condemns. It is the man, “justum & propositi tenax,” who dares be honest in the worst of times; whom no threats can discourage; whom no temptations can subdue; who can behold the tide of popular opinion ebb and flow without a dereliction of principle; who can, if called upon, sacrifice even life itself for the good of his country.

Patriotism.—In the times of the Romans, it consisted in sacrificing upon the altars of the country all who were not Romans, under the name of

Barbarians. Among the English, it consists in treating as enemies all who are not English, under the name of *Foreigners*.

Patron,—one who countenances the apostate, protects the informer, and supports the dependant; whose patronage extends not to the friend of virtue, the opposer of tyranny, or the lover of justice; but, on the contrary, seeks to enrich the man who sells his country for a bribe, or courts the wretch who disowns his principles for the pavilion of ambition.

Peace,—to a nation, is as contentment to an individual; it is a gentle stream running with smooth and easy current, fertilizing the land through which it flows, and enriching the country whose labors have made it navigable; it is the trunk of the vast oak, furnishing shade to the flocks, and food for the cattle; it is so necessary an ingredient in the mixture of national happiness, that without it no people can be flourishing or virtuous, any more than the rich individual can procure ease without contentment, or happiness without virtue.

Peacock,—a fowl eminent for the beauty of his tail, and deformity of his voice; in other words, a great parliamentary orator, whose volubility amuses, but whose arguments displease, and whose arrogance disgusts.

Pecunia

Peculator,—a robber of the public money. Is not, however, the robber of public freedom equally deformed; and the filcher of national reputation equally culpable?

Who steals my purse steals trash;

'Tis nought; 'twas mine, 'twas his,

And has been slave to thousands.

But he that filches from me my good name,

Steals that which nought enriches him,

But makes me poor indeed.

SHAKESPEARE.

Peerage,—that hereditary body of men to whom the public virtue and national freedom are entrusted. These *guardians* of public liberty, these political priests, have indeed been the *nomina rectum*, the butterflies of the hour. Thus,

***** of Commons' House a stupid wretch,

Whose mind to A, B, C, can scarcely stretch,

Has, by a monarch's all-creating word,

Become a very decent lord.

Peerage,—in former days, an honor conferred upon such as had rendered themselves conspicuous for their merit, and eminent for their virtues; but in the more modern ages it has been, in general,
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the usages of venality and corruption, and a distinction not to be purchased at a smaller price than everlasting infamy and disgrace.

Peers.—The generality of Peers, far from supporting themselves in a state of independent greatness, are but too apt to fall into an oblivion of their proper dignity, and to run headlong into an abject servitude.

BURKE.

Pension.—In England it is generally understood to mean pay given to a state-hireling for treason to his country.

JOHNSON.

Pension.—This word has been well defined by Addison, to be "an allowance made to any one without an equivalent." Had not pensions, as it were, obtained a sanction by long and continued usage, we should have decried the measure as an absurdity; and the man who should have proposed it, more fitted for the cells of Bedlam than the departments of the state. It is, however, with civil absurdities as with religious ceremonies, whose fetters are first made easy by chaplets of roses, and afterwards retained by prescriptive rights. The time, indeed, may arrive, when the ceremonies of the latter, and the absurdities of the former,

formër, may moulder into dust, and be known only from the recording page of history.

Pensioner,—a slave of state, hired by a stipend to obey his master.

JOHNSON.

In Britain's Senate he a seat obtains,
And one more *Pensioner* St. Stephen's gains.

POPE.

People.—It is the *People* which compose the human species. All which is not the *People*, is of so little consequence that it is not worth the trouble of counting.

ROUSSEAU.

People,—the commonality; the vulgar; the *Swinish Multitude*; or whatever the *ennobled race* may, in their *infinite goodness and mercy*, be pleased to term them.

Permit,—a small piece of paper, for which, at Harwich, you pay 13s. 4d. to be divided between the twenty-four electors of that paltry borough, for the liberty of passing and re-passing from thence to Helvœtfluys.

Persecution.—We reserve this definition until we can collect the experienced authorities of Eaton, Winterbotham, Muir, and Palmer. We promise

mise its appearance in the next edition of this Dictionary.

Perspicuity.—We refer our readers to a work just published by Sir James Murray, composed in Flanders; specimens of which may be seen in some Extraordinary Gazettes.

Petition,—a form of prayer, unprofitable, inconvenient, and useless, when directed from the People to the minister; but sure, certain, and infallible, when in the form of a parliamentary act it requests money from the nation.

Pillory,—a very forcible argument, used by men in power to divert the attention, and rescue the imagination from the absurd and dreadful notion of a Parliamentary Reform.

Placeman,—Mr. Pitt, and his heaven-born family, Mr. Rose, Henry Dundas, and others.—A heavenly, disinterested, and honorable Administration! *Quere.* Is it the king that has made them rogues, or they who have made the king a ———?

Pluralist,—the man who, under the sacred name of religion, contrives to gain from the farmer his produce; to pillage mankind of their reason; and to plunder from the state its religious liberty.

Poet Laureat,—one who takes the place of *buffoon*, or *fool*, in most courts in Europe.

Police,

Police,—the art of erecting *military bastilles*, i.e. *barracks*, in every county in the kingdom.

Poor,—both in spirit and in purse, the People of England.

Poor,—self-evident; search your own purse, and look round and see.

Popularity,—the means by which Pitt got into power; i. e. the reforming of Parliament, and destroying abuses; but, his turn served, the apostate is discovered, and who hitherto attempts to delude and deceive by asserting that this is not a proper time, nor that a proper time; in short, no time is proper whilst he is in administration.

Popularity,—the heaven-born minister, and a hanging thief.

Power (arbitrary).—Where any one person or body of men, who do not represent the whole, seize into their hands the power in the last resort, there is properly no longer a government, but what Aristotle and his followers call the abuse and corruption of one. I look upon *Arbitrary Power* as a greater evil than *Anarchy* itself; as much as a savage is a happier state of life than a slave at the oar. Whoever argues in defence of absolute power in a single person, ought in all free states to be treated as the common enemy of mankind.

SWIFT.

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Precedent,—a kind of argument, which we must not confound with *example*. PRECEDENT is only brought in proof to favor the claims and interest of kings, ministers, and the privileged classes. It is absolutely insignificant, and of no force, when the maintaining or recovering the Rights of the People is in question. This is what distinguishes *precedent* from *example*, which applies equally to all.

Prejudice (national),—is the most common, and the most allowable of all deviations from justice; it is a near, though an illegitimate, relation of patriotism.

Prerogative (a regard for the royal),—a worn-out pretence to infringe upon the laws, and a glaring design upon the privileges of the People.

Press (the),—formerly the palladium of English Liberty; what it is at present let facts declare. Mr. Holt, of Newark, in the year 1793, was tried, convicted, and imprisoned, for re-printing the Duke of Richmond's Letter to Col. Sharman, and Mr. Pitt's Resolutions in the year 1782. *O tempora, O mores!*

Press (licentiousness of the),—the candid method of representing the sufferings of the kingdom, and the speediest means of having them redressed.

Prince,

Prince,—a being nursed by Luxury, reared by Affluence, educated by Flattery, and degraded by Servility.

Princes,—in their infancy, childhood, and youth, are said to discover prodigious parts and wit. Strange, so many hopeful princes, so many shameful kings! If they happen to die young, they are prodigies of wisdom and virtue; if they live, they are often prodigies indeed, but of another sort.

SWIFT.

Prisoner,—among others, the man who, originally indebted a few shillings, shall, by the villainy of attorneys, and chicanery of law, spend in the gloomy cell those years which might have been consoling to his family, and useful to his country.

Proclamation,—a supposed letter from the king to his People, in which they are informed when they are happy, and by which they learn an increase of taxes to be an accumulation of comfort.

Prudence and Economy,—an increase of taxes at the conclusion of an expensive war; and lavishing that treasure upon profligate favorites which should be applied to discharge the public debts of the nation.

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Qualification,—implies frequently, the quantum of money necessary for a representative in Parliament to possess, before he shall be supposed to have sufficient knowledge to give his aye or no upon the weighty affairs of the nation.

Quarrel,—in political affairs, means nothing more than the desire of two potentates to try each other's force;—a system perfectly rational, and freely consistent with that which gave it birth!

Queen,—the poor wife of a king, who miserably hoards up riches, and counts her gold, guinea for guinea, with the avaricious, covetous miser her husband; who is greatly belied if she ever did a generous or meritorious act in her whole life; and, for the blessing of the nation, has contributed all in her power to make a bad *thing* good for nothing.

Quorum,—a bench of Justices; who assemble at some hall, or some inn, to do justice; and there pass orders to convey a man, his wife, and twelve children, two hundred miles off, because he was not born, or served apprenticeship, in this town, although he is esteemed the best workman, and bears the best of characters, under the apprehension

sion that he or his family may become chargeable to the parish!

O MAN! ARE THESE LAWS JUST?

Or to sentence a man to transportation, or fine, or, from inability of payment, to imprisonment, for having knocked down a hare which was devouring his cabbages in his garden; or fining a man ten pounds, for not being worth a hundred a year, and for carrying a gun without a licence!

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Rabble,—an assembly of low-bred, vulgar, and riotous people; otherwise the *Swinish Multitude*, so called by St. Edmund, because they dare to grunt their grievances even at the foot of the throne. The English rabble, when once roused, are very saucy and unmanageable, but they have the remarkable quality of the most passive forbearance, as it is not a little will disturb their slumbers.

Sincere, plain-hearted, hospitable, kind,
Yet like the mustering thunder when provok'd;
The dread of Tyrants, and the sole resource
Of those that under grim oppression groan.

Rack,—an engine of torture, commodiously fitted up with cords, pincers, flesh-hooks, &c. &c.
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used chiefly for extorting confession from innocent men. In England the rack has been out of use ever since the mild reign of Tyrant Elizabeth, but, it is reported, has been proposed in the Cabinet Council to be renewed for the accommodation of the Jacobines of the present day. It was introduced here by a duke of Exeter, in the reign of Tyrant Henry VI. and has, from that circumstance, been called, "The Duke of Exeter's Daughter;" so that it should be exercised only on the nobility, as it would be highly degrading for a duke's daughter to have a *criminal* connection with any but of noble or royal blood.

Rain.—The present long and fatal *rain* in England has entirely ruined the country past redemption, unless it shall please Heaven to put a speedy end to it. All vegetation is checked, the poor are starving for want of bread, and the bountiful lap of nature no more supplies us with her accustomed blessings, for nature herself seems to riot in the general devastation; and all owing to this cursed *rain*.

Rank.—Kings are persons of the first rank on earth, and very *rank* indeed they are; so much so, that I know not one who could not conscientiously exclaim with the royal murderer in Hamlet:

"Oh! my offence is *rank*; it smells to heaven!"

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Ransom,—price paid for redemption from captivity or punishment. If unfortunately the Duke of York should be taken prisoner in this *glorious* and *necessary* war, the French would gladly ransom him for a sans-culottes drummer.

Rapier,—a military spit, long enough to transfix at once a tyrant king, his infernal minister, and one or two judges or bishops.

Rara-avis,—a thing next to impossible to exist; as a pious priest, a good king, a wise lord, or a virtuous Parliament man.

Rascal,—see *Wedderburne*.

Rashness,—to attempt to subjugate a free people, by oppression, intolerance, and bloody prosecutions for imaginary crimes.—“The same pretended power which robs an English subject of his birth-right, may rob an English king of his crown.”—Tyrants, beware!

Razor,—an instrument very proper for crazy kings to make use of, when their *will* is encompassed with *evil*.

Realm,—all of a country that is governed by one Tyrant.

Reason,—a faculty of the soul, which the People of England never make use of till too late. They shut the stable door when the horse is stolen.

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Rebellion,—an unsuccessful attempt of the People in a generous struggle for liberty and equality of the rights of nature.

Recess of Parliament,—an interval between the sessions, when the prime minister may hood-wink and tyrannize over the People, lavish their treasures, and commit any enormity, not only with impunity, and without controul, but likewise with popularity.—So much for the English!

Reckoning,—that awful account which all wicked kings and their minions may expect to be called upon to make by an injured People, whom they lord it over with an iron sway.

Recruit,—to inveigle young men by martial music, to make them drunk, and then slip into their pockets a shilling of the Ty—, of the King's money, I mean; or if all these allurements be not sufficient, they then kidnap them.—See the words *Crimp* and *Nab*.

Rector,—a grave and sanctified human being, clad in sables, who lives by extortion and fraud, attacking the prejudices of men, keeping them from the truth, and inculcating, with a pious countenance, falsehood and imposture.—One of the engines of Despotism.

Redress of Grievances,—what an oppressed People can never expect from a venal Parliament, or
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from any other source but their own will, and a vigorous execution of that will.

Reeves,—every thing that is corrupt, flagitious, depraved, and abandoned, associated into one human form. In competition for villainy with Loughborough and Justice Clerk.

Reform in Parliament,—an object most devoutly to be wished, but which a spirited People would no more petition for.

Refugees,—English Patriots, as Dr. Priestley and family, Mr. Cooper, of Manchester, &c. &c. who, in the years 1793 and 1794, were obliged to quit a country pregnant with bigotry and persecution, to spend the rest of their days beyond the reach of Arbitrary Power, in a more genial soil, and in a kinder atmosphere, in the calm regions of tranquil liberty and uninterrupted harmony.

Regent,—one Tyrant who governs a kingdom in the absence, or during the minority of another Tyrant.

Regicide,—any brave fellow who dares consign an anointed despot to his native regions below.

Regifugium,—a feast held in ancient Rome, in memory of the expulsion of their kings by Lucius Junius Brutus. There is generally one at the latter end of every century in England. The regifuge we at present celebrate is on the 4th of No-

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vember,

vember, as on that day, in the year 1688, Tyrant James II. may be said to have been expelled from the throne. Mr. Pitt is paving the way for a new feast to celebrate.

Regiment,—a body of hired assassins, who enter into partnership together in the trade of war. Thus for six-pence a day one human being lets himself out to murder as many others as he can. The Bishop of London says truly,

“One murder makes a villain, thousands a hero.”

Religion,—a superstition, invented by the arch-bishop of hell, and propagated by his faithful diocessans the clergy, to keep the people in ignorance and darkness, that they may not see the work of iniquity that is going on. Under the mask and pretext of duty to God, they preach up the divine right of kings to tyrannize, and enjoin us to passive obedience and non-resistance to oppression.

Wherever God erects a house of prayer,
The devil always builds a chapel there ;
And 'twill be found, upon examination,
The latter has the largest congregation.

Remonstrance to the King,—the second mode of the People, when they appeal for the remedy of some political evil. “ Their first appeal is to the
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" *integrity* of their Representatives; the second to " the King's *justice*; the third and last argument " of the People, whenever they have recourse to " it, will carry more weight perhaps than persuasion to Parliament, or supplication to the " throne."

Representative,—one who neither cares for your interests nor your welfare, provided he can get a share of the general plunder. If he can *not* get a share, he becomes all at once a flaming patriot, harangues against corruption and venality, till, like the noisy mastiff, he receives an opiate morsel from the thieves whom he was placed there to guard against. This puts me in mind of boys running after a coach, who, when they are driven away by those who have already got a place, bawl out, Hilloa, Coachman! whip behind!

Representatives of the People.—The king is the representative of the People; so are the lords; so are the judges; they are all trustees for the people, as well as the commons; because no power is given for the sole sake of the holder; and although government certainly is an institution of divine authority, yet *its forms, and persons who administer it, all originate from the People.*

BURKE,

Reprobate,—an abandoned wretch, lost to all sense of virtue; e. g. It has been said of Pitt,

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that while he was begging his mother's blessing on his knees, at her death-bed, he stole her purse out of her pocket, underneath her pillow.

Republic,—a popular government, founded on the eternal and immutable principles of liberty and equality, truth and justice. A monarchy is quite *toute autre chose*, and directly opposite to this.

Republic,—a government which is conducted with a tenth or twentieth part the expence, throughout every department, that it costs a monarchical one. There is scarce such a thing known as corruption of rulers; and the rulers being stationary, have no occasion of attempting such ruinous schemes to rob their fellow-citizens of their rights, as in such case they would destroy their own. In truth, a Representative Republic must be the best government, as it appears the most rational.

Requiem.—When Pitt dies a requiem will be sung or said by the Aristocrats in all the churches in this kingdom, and in our town of Berwick upon Tweed, to intercede with his Grace the Archbishop of Hell to take his dear departed soul out of purgatory, and to request some loyal ghost or other to dip his finger in water to cool his tongue, as he must be tormented in that flame.

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Resignation (ministerial),—a fallacious method of escaping from the hatred of the Public, and an artful contrivance in a favorite to make others responsible for measures which are guided by himself.

Restoration,—the 29th of May, 1660; the saddest day England ever saw; on which the restoration of regal and episcopal government took place under Tyrant Charles II.

Rétrograde,—the marches of the Dunces of York in Flanders against the sons of Liberty.

Revolution,—the sudden overturning of an arbitrary government by the People. Tyrants change a free government into a despotic one, by slow gradations; but it is a comfortable reflection to the patriot, that a united nation can overthrow in a moment the work of whole ages of Tyrants. The Revolution of 1688, no good and wise man can applaud. It was the despicable patch-work of a few addle-pated, whig noblemen. The People soon found they had only made an exchange of Tyrants; in fact, it was out of the frying-pan into the fire.

Revolution,—change in the state of a government or country. It is used among us for the change produced by the admission of king William and queen Mary, says Dr. Johnson; but that was only an amendment, and a very partial one it was.

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A Revolution is a total alteration of the forms of governments, and a re-assumption by the People of their long lost rights; a restoration of that equality which ought always to subsist among men.

Reward of merit,—places and pensions to such as had scandalously sold the interest of their country, and supported the tyranny of a presumptuous minister.

Rights,—those claims which belong to us by nature and justice. They are quite obsolete and unknown here. It has, indeed, been a subject of dispute among learned political antiquarians, whether such things ever existed in this island.

Riot Act,—read by a magistrate (or, if he cannot read, by the bell-man) in times of tumult, whenever more than three people are seen talking together;—a very convenient instrument of state to prevent any redress of grievances.

Rival Nation,—the Russian to our's, in cruelty, intolerance, and bloody persecution.

Robbers,—East and West India plunderers, Prime Ministers, Judges, and Bishops.

Robbery.—Many people confound robbery with conquest: they contend, that it consists equally in possessing by force the property of others. But there is a prodigious difference. A robber is frequently solus in his enterprizes, or at least has but few

few associates: it is commonly an individual possessed of neither title nor crown. The *conqueror*, on the contrary, is almost always a prince or a king, and is followed by thousands of men: and the pirate who was bold enough to compare himself to ALEXANDER, regarded the difference as nothing. Yet history, both ancient and modern, proves it sufficient to render ROBBERY infamous and dishonorable, whilst CONQUEST is held both lawful and glorious.

Rope,—in revolutions, an article in great demand among the canaille, or Swinish Multitude, when great men are put in a *state of requisition*, by a few moments *suspension* from their titles and honors.

Rose (red and white),—by way of distinction between two factions, who deluged this country with blood through a series of above thirty years, in order to establish a permanence of tyranny on the throne. The house of York had for its badge a white rose; that of Lancaster a red one. They were both emulously revengeful, cruel, unjust, ambitious, and bloody-minded. As each in turn got the ascendant, the scaffold was the source of a constant and never-failing stream of blood; and there were alternately attainders in every noble family in the kingdom, which were as frequently reversed. The remote cause of all this blood-
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shed was Tyrant Henry IV. surnamed Bolingbroke, who deposed, and then murdered, Tyrant Richard II.

Royalist,—among the ignorant part of mankind, signifies a person attached to regal government; among artful courtiers it is a veil for their own aristocracy.

Royalty,—the curse of God Almighty in his wrath to man. Where this office exists, the whole country is pale, sickly, and unfruitful. The poor luckless inhabitants miserable, melancholy, and almost mad with despair. Emaciated through hunger, spiritless through subjection, and depraved to the utmost possible, by mimicking the abandoned profligacy of the court.—See *England*.

Rustic,—the poor laborer, who toils all the live-long day, to procure, by the sweat of his brow, enjoyment for another. He tills the ground, and sows the seed, but another comes to reap the harvest. He is mocked with the beautiful profuseness of nature; but denied to partake of her bounties. He cultivates her flowers, but cannot share her fruits. Great God! if this is ever to be the state of man on earth, happy had it been had he never been born!

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Sabbath,—a day appointed by Christians (from the Jews) for public worship, which is employed in works of piety, instead of works of labour. This hebdomodal fit of devotion among Christians returns regularly every Sunday, when they discharge in whining prayers and discordant hymns, the accumulation of the week, and empty themselves in copious evacuation, much in the same *necessary* manner that a gormandizing alderman does after a feast. In different parts of England, various ways are adopted of expressing to the Creator, the devotional fervor of the people. In the metropolis the city apprentices, journeymen, and their masters generally pay their tribute of adoration, in a shilling ordinary at Hackney, or some other neighbouring village, a row in a boat to Putney, or at the Dog and Duck. The higher orders of society, in a ride in Hyde Park in the morning, and at a gaming-table in the afternoon. In the country, the athletic villagers generally engage in a game of cricket, trap-ball, or long-fives; and the boys amuse themselves at marbles, or at toss-halfpenny on a tomb-stone in the church-yard. In the churches you will find a few old bachelors, old maids, and other poor deluded wretches (who think to atone for the sins of a whole life, by going to church twice in one day in the week, and cheating

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all they can the other fix) listening with open mouth to the dogmas of an illiterate priest, who is bound apprentice to Implicit Faith, Esq. a wholesale merchant, both in religion and politics; and afterwards becomes an *acting* partner in the extensive commercial house of Messrs. Superstition, Fraud, Hypocrisy and Co.

Sacerdotal,—belonging to the priesthood. A generic term for the most abominable vices, the most consummate depravity, and the most bloated corruption that either the mind or body is capable of. See *Les Crimes des Papés*.

Sack,—To sack a city, is when it is taken by storm, and left to the ravages and indiscriminate plundering of the soldiery, and when the fair sex is not treated with that decency and *decorum* which is ever due to it. At the recapture of Toulon by the French, an English lady of virtue, very coolly went up to a French officer, and as composedly asked him, "Pray, Sir, can you tell me when the "ravishing begins?"

Sack-cloth,—is a kind of *pickling* shift, which is imposed on the backs of sinful heretics who impiously attempt to resist the unlimited authority of the priest, over all their thoughts, words, and actions. The Jews first wore them by way of *mortification of the flesh*, and after them, those who follow the religion of the Whore of Babylon at Rome.

Sacrament,

Sacrament,—the Eucharist, the holy Communion, the celebration of the Lord's Supper, which generally takes place about eleven or twelve o'clock in the morning, when (according to the doctrine of the Romish or Popish church) the priest (in a manner worthy of Breslaw, Hymen Palatine, Katterfelto, or of any other most accomplished conjuror) after muttering a mystical abracadabra of Dog-Latin, actually changes a piece of half-baked dough, and a bottle of good old port, into the real body and blood of Christ!

Sacred.—Exclusively every word which comes out of the mouth of that infallible, though human being, called a priest.

Sacrifice,—any thing which is offered up to heaven, by way of staying the rage of the Deity against sinners; “and the same lamb which was offered up “to appease an irritated Deity, served to appease “the appetite of the hungry priest.”

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In modern times, human sacrifices have been used by pious princes, instead of those of the brute creation; and some faithful generals, obedient to the mandates of their truly Christian masters, have sacrificed twenty and thirty thousand of human beings in a day; which plainly shows that they have always the fear of God before their eyes.

Sacrilege.—To deprive God's vicegerents here on earth, the clergy, of a tittle of their possessions would be sacrilege; "they toil not, neither do they spin," but they do much more, they provide for us eternal salvation, in a snug birth in the *other* world, merely by a word or two, spoke in a canting *drant*, and with those additional and irresistible pleaders in favour of their petition, "the lifted whites of both their eyes;" and for such a kind office as this, they ought to have a tenth of the produce of all human industry, and a tenth of the bountiful gifts of nature.

Sailor,—a seaman who is taken *voluntarily* by force from his native home, to fight for a country which he is indebted to for nothing, except it be misery and wretchedness.

Saint,—a devotee who, before men, reprobates swearing, lying, cheating, thieving, and whoring, but practises them all at his leisure, undetected and even unsuspected.—*Vide Clergy*.

Salute,—a gentle declination of the head, hat off, when you meet a person. Some time ago, Mr. Beaufoy, M. P. for Yarmouth, was actually brought to tears, because Mr. Pitt did not return his salute. It was a hard case.

Sanctuary,—a sacred asylum, not for kings and prime ministers alone, but for rogues of *all* descriptions.

tions. The House of Commons is the sanctuary of Pitt, George and Co.

Sans,—without.

“Talents, in Alfred’s lofty mind,

“Were with integrity combin’d;

“In the last Henry, talents shone

“*Without* integrity, alone:

“But luckless George, alas! we see,

“*Sans* talent, *sans* integrity!”

Sans-Culottes.—Breeches are deemed a necessary appendage to decorum; but among our more northern brethren are considered as a degrading shackle upon natural liberty. At the same time we forbid the Scotch to carry arms, we compelled them to wear *breeches*.

Satellites.—In astronomy this appellation is given to subordinate bodies, called Moons, revolving about a superior orb. In the political world, it is applied to Dundas, Jenkinson, Windham and to about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the House of Commons, who (although they cannot bear the thoughts of a *revolution*) revolve round Mr. Pitt once in every session. The word moon, which is used in astronomy, is evidently a corruption from the word man—moons, mons, mans, man.

Saviour.

Saviour.—George III. is the Saviour of this country, and it was a particular dispensation of Providence, in his kindness towards us, to bless us with so wise, so pious, and so good a king. For in this happy reign not more than two hundred and fifty millions of money and of lives, a number exceeding the present population of the country, have been expended in *just and necessary* wars.

Scabbard.—One of the maxims of Christian kings is, "Draw the sword, and throw away the *scabbard*." This is in obedience to the commands of our blessed Redeemer, "I came not to send peace on earth, but a sword." And as he mentions nothing about a scabbard, it is evident he had no intention such things should be used by true Christians.

Scaffold.—an elevated stage covered with black cloth, and elegantly fitted up with a gallows and rope, a block and ax, a coffin and shroud, and a basket of saw-dust for the head to roll into. This mode of execution is only used for great malefactors, such as kings, bishops, and prime-ministers. England and France seem (from history) to take it by turns to execute their kings. France produced the last instance.

Sceptre.—one of the ensigns of royalty, which Pitt appears to have a longing after, if we may judge from the following soliloquy, in which he was
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over-heard one night, in a perturbed sleep, when his mind had got the political night-mare :

“ Is this a *sceptre* which I see before me,

“ The handle toward my hand?—Come, let me
“ clutch thee ;

“ I have thee not, and yet I see thee still.”

This happened, as I am informed, during the king's m——, illness I mean.

Scots,—the name of North Britons, who are celebrated for fair promises and non-performances, fair faces and black hearts. They are whited sepulchres ; and God Almighty has placed them in a country as barren of the fruits of nature, as their souls are barren of virtue and honesty.

Scoundrels,—a class of men exceedingly useful in polished societies, and happily they are very numerous. There are many things which could not be done without scoundrels ; there would be neither spies nor informers, nor Leaches of the London Coffee-House, nor ministers ; in short, without them the reformers of government would be destroyed, and the social system totally overthrown.

Scramble.—At the Treasury there is a spacious apartment, where Mr. Pitt amuses his *friends*, sometimes with a scramble, and sometimes with a *lug and a bite*.

Scrawl.—How many thousands have lost their lives by a *scrawl* of two letters? witness, amongst others, the *scrawl* of G. R. at the bottom of a death-warrant! Oh! God! is it for this that human beings are born?

Scripture (Holy).—the Bible, which is the *vademecum* of priests, who put common sense to the rack (and men too, where they can) by torturing the meaning of obscure passages, by their *à posteriori* conclusions, and will justify any thing that is expedient, whether it is robbery or murder.

Seamen.—Judge Foster justifies the impressing of seamen, by the following argument: that “all orders of men ought to contribute to the support of the state; that these men have been used to a sea-faring life, that consequently they can be of more service than raw, inexperienced land-lubbers, THEREFORE that they ought to be *made* to go, if they will not go voluntarily.”—No matter how they are situated in their domestic concerns! How long will this iniquity last?

Season for Reform.—Not when we are at war, for then all is hurry and confusion, and our minds too heated and agitated to set about so serious an affair. Not when we are at peace, for then it would be madness to disturb the tranquillity of the nation.

Seat in Parliament,—from the unbiassed suffrages of independent electors for 4000l.—“A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.”

HOLY BIBLE.

Second Sight,—the power of seeing things to come, said to be peculiar to Scotsmen; e. g. when Loughborough seized the seals, almost an universal bankruptcy took place, and he, in a very short space of time, issued out upwards of 400 commissions of bankruptcy, at the moderate rate and profit of 10l. each commission. “How are we ruined?” 10 times 400 is 4,000l.—“How are we ruined?”

Secretary of State,—a great officer, in whom crimes are no crimes; and who, by a political species of infallibility, can exercise acts of oppression, without ever dreading the rod of correction, or regarding the poignancy of general reproof.

Sedition,—any thought, word, or action of your life, if brought into a court of—justice, and determined so by a corrupt judge, and settled so by a packed jury.—Dreams may be seditious!

Sedition (a fower of),—one who tells honest truths, and is above the reach of ministerial influence and corruption.

See,—the reward of blind and bigoted priests.

Senate.—In some countries, is an assembly of the scum of the earth, who will stick at nothing

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that is depraved and dishonourable, to increase their treasures by plundering the people, depriving them first of their wealth, and then of all the sweets of liberty, and all the comforts of domestic life.—In England the senators are all honest men, “all honourable men!”

Sense of the kingdom,—the dictates of an arbitrary minister, and the despicable arguments of his mercenary advocates.

Sepulchre.—See the inside of Pitt’s heart.

Sermon,—a little thin book, with a black cover, “wherein one may read strange things,” such as arguments in favour of damnation, eternity of hell-torments, and other matters equally amusing. They are made so as to last exactly fifteen minutes by the clock. The deliverer of these entertaining and instructive lectures, is, for the most part, a *black-legs*; though some are good kind of men; but I have seen “such things that mount the pulpit “with a skip, and then skip down again.”

Shuttle,—an instrument formerly in much use among the weavers; but ever since the war began, the English manufacturers have had no occasion for them; so all the weavers from Manchester, Norwich, &c. are gone for soldiers “to weave the “crimson web of war,” rather than starve at home.

Sickle—a reaping hook, to cut the corn at harvest.—This is another instrument, the use of which

which is daily declining; as *gentlemen* of landed property are got into a way of parcelling out their land into sheep-walks, lawns, and parks for deer to run about in. Besides this, the rustic, instead of cultivating the earth (the produce of which he may scarcely be said to share) amuses himself by entering into some volunteer corps, where he gets a horse and a pewter watch, a suit of clothes, and the *name* of a gentleman!

Simony,—the mode of disposing of church preferment.

Sine-cure—a kind of civil *benefice*, more numerous in England than *ecclesiastical benefices* are in *Italy* and *Spain*, &c. no kind of worth or merit is required of the incumbents, and they are not obligated to any honest duty in return. In short, a black friar is a most useful man in comparison with a *sine-cure*.

Slave.—In the West-Indies, is a human being, who is marked upon the back with the initials of his Christian master's name. He is torn from his native country, from his friends and connections, from the arms of an aged parent, a beloved wife, or his dear children, never to behold them more.—And yet God suffers this!

Slave,—a human creature, made by law the property of another human creature. Many princes desire, as *Sancho Panca*, in the *promised island*,

that their subjects might be all blacks, because they would sell them.

Slavery,—the state of ninety-nine out of a hundred of the human race. In England we profess to love freedom; and yet we are the chief agents of wickedness in the infernal traffic in human flesh! And so accustomed are we now to the tale of woe, which belongs to the little history of thousands and tens of thousands of Negroes, that we are wearied with the mention of their sufferings, and a noble lord, Carhampton, (who is a disgrace to the human species) in the House of Commons, openly and publicly, and with the clamorous approbation of some other shameless members, laughed at, and ridiculed the Quixotic humanity of Mr. Wilberforce and the rest of the members who had the feelings of human beings interwoven in their natures: and further took what he thought a parallel case, by an infamous and cruelly sportive allusion to the situation of a common prostitute!

Slaughter,—massacre of the human species. Invented by priests, and practised by kings.

Sleep.—Would to heaven that Englishmen could forget all their cares and all their miseries, and cast their perturbed souls in oblivious sleep! But

“Methought I heard a voice cry, sleep no more!
“King George doth murder sleep—innocent sleep!”

Society,

Society,—a union of community linked together in one general interest. But Pitt, that murderer of human happiness! that butcher of liberty! that destroyer of all the dearest ties of love, harmony, and friendship, has dissolved at once all the bonds of love and affection, and set up father against son, and son against father, to persecute each other with unrelenting fury—and all—for a difference of opinion!

Soldier,—a man inveigled into a banditti of hired assassins, by means of martial music and a few guineas. This miserable portion of subjects is inclosed within barracks, separate from the rest of society, from which it has a particular and distinct interest. Soldiers have no privileges, no rights, no feelings of humanity to guide them to action, no sentiments of regard for their fellow-men! They are a distinct order, kept apart, that all sensibility, all sympathy for the sufferings of others, with them may be extinct. Hear it, O man! This is the interest of all kings and priests, in order to keep up the delusion of human adoration!

Sovereign—is a man “clothed in purple, and that fares sumptuously every day,” bedizened out with ermine, fatten, velvet, silk, and gold spangles. Thus dressed up, he excites the adoration of those who thus deck him out; and when they approach him,

him, they fall down on their knees, kiss his hand, and pay him that same kind of homage which in other places the priest ordains us to pay to three superior Beings. This man has the power of life and death over his subjects. The frogs petitioned for a king, and they had a stork sent them. Would to God that human kings were no worse than storks. I rejoice within myself wherever I observe a tyrant king; for that abject people that endures a despot, deserves to be enslaved, and to be made wretched.

Sponge.—Oh! iniquitous son of Chatham, go on in thy deeds of darkness, finish thy diabolical projects. There is yet much blood to spill, and much treasure yet to waste! Be not in a state of inquietude, for

“A sponge will wipe out all, and cost you nothing.”

Spy.—an underling of government, sent to watch over the words and actions of innocent men; to excite them to intemperate expressions, and then to inform of them, bring them into a prejudiced court before a loyal jury, and, if possible, swear away their lives, to satisfy the bloody vengeance of an infernal minister. An *avowed* spy of government (Watt) is taken up I find on a charge of high treason, who, they say, has gone so far as to
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order pikes, and to lay before a society a specific plan of revolt and rebellion. I know the present ministry so thoroughly, that I should not wonder if they were to sacrifice this man, though their friend, in order to prove the existence of a conspiracy. And yet it cannot be; human nature can never be so depraved. But if it was to happen, I am sure such a man would die unpitied and unlamented. His fate would be something like that of the Santon Barfisa.

Squire.—Every squire, almost to a man, is an oppressor of the clergy; a racker of his tenants; a jobber of all public works, very proud, and generally illiterate. The squires take the titles of great men, with as little ceremony as Alexander or Cæsar. For instance, the great *Conolly*, the great *Damer*, &c.

SWIFT.

Stage.—If any one wishes to observe the vitiated and corrupt state of the age, let him repair to our theatres, especially Covent-Garden, and he will be surfeited with the servile effervescence of the most brutish loyalty, and with the empty frivolity of sentiment with which the new pieces all abound. A declining stage in taste and morality, is invariably the proof of a declining empire.

Standing Army.—It is directly against the principle of our blessed and glorious constitution to keep up a standing army, and yet we have an immense

menſe one, which is renewed every year under the fiction of a mutiny-bill. What an inſult upon the people ! What a mockery of juſtice ! What a faithful adherence to the cauſe for which our fathers fought and bled ! Who can view with a complacent eye, theſe locuſts of the earth, " eating up " the people, as it were bread," theſe drones that are armed with the ſting of the bee, to plunder with impunity, and fatten on the ſpoils of other's induſtry, not to defend the well-earned pittance of their own !

Staple-commodity,—of this country, wool was formerly, but ſince the war, the ſtuff and woollen manufacturers have had no other uſe for this ſtaple article, than to make flannel ſhrouds for our gallant countrymen in Flanders.

Star-Chamber.—Till the 17 Car. I. this was a criminal court, calling itſelf a court of equity, in which all ſtate delinquents were thrown, when any offence was given to the king or his miniſters. The penalties chiefly impoſed by this infamous tribunal were fine, imprifonment, pillory, and loſs of ears. The cabinet-council of modern days, has ſuperſeded the uſe of the ſtar-chamber of ancient days ; and I ſhould ſcarcely be ſurpriſed if part of the houſe of commons were to form themſelves into a kind of ſecret committee for the ſame purpoſe.

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Starvation,—what two-thirds of the people are actually reduced to, unless they choose to go into a workhouse, or for soldiers. The poor "may die like dogs in ditches," and yet our king is as merry as a grig!

Statue,—the solid representation of a living being. The Hon. Mrs. Damer has gained much credit by her masterly *execution* of the king in a marble bust; which idea gave birth to the two following impromptu's.

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Lord! what a lumpish, senseless thing!
And yet 'tis very like the king!

II.

Why strive to animate the marble rock,
His sacred majesty's more like the block!

Statutes,—acts of Parliament. The *lex scripta*, or, for the most part, gradual incroachments upon the liberty of the subject.

Stiletto,—a short dagger, which Pitt always carries about with him, in order to cheat the executioner; as he expects to be impeached whenever he goes out of place, and I think there is little doubt when that happens, that he will be hanged. Some time ago St. Edmund, the Jesuit, brought

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one of those convenient instruments into the House of Commons, but he did not use it as he *might* have done. He only drew it from under his coat in a furious theatrical attitude, and with much vehemence of action threw it on the floor. "Hic crazy est, hunc tu Romane caveto!"

Subject,—can only with propriety be applied to a member of a state, whose government has been instituted by foreign conquest, or the prevalence of a domestic faction. *Citizen* is the ancient appellation given to the members of free states.

Subjects,—a body of people who submit to the tyranny of one man; and yet they complain!

Suborn Witnesses,—on state trials, is to procure false witnesses to swear away the lives and property of innocent individuals who wish for a reform in Parliament. A real Statesman-like Minister will always have a store of such witnesses by him, to use them when wanted.

Substitute.—I knew an instance of a Roman Catholic being drawn for the Militia. The Magistrates would not suffer him to be sworn in and serve, and yet made him procure a substitute, which cost the poor fellow nine guineas!

Successor.—All monarchs are infected with the strange wish, that their successors may turn out bad princes. Good Kings desire it, as they imagine that their glory will thus appear the most splendid;

splendid; and the bad desire it, as they consider such Kings will serve to countenance their own misdemeanours.

Sugar and Coffee,—vegetables which have been the ruin and misery of two parts of the world; America has been unpeopled to get land to plant them in, and Africa is unpeopled to cultivate them.

Suicide,—self-murder, very prevalent in England, and which I think is wholly ascribable to Government. For when men have married, and find they cannot support their wives and families, they are thereby driven to this act of desperation. Under a perfect form of government, a poor man would be an anomaly, a phenomenon. The character of a nation is certainly influenced and determined entirely according to the administration of the government. I never was so much affected as at the relation of a fact which took place a few years ago on the coast of Africa. Some English ships appeared on the coast. This amongst the tribes, was the signal for war. After the battle, upwards of forty victims, who had been taken prisoners, knowing their fate, burst from their chains, rushed into the woods, where they all committed suicide together.—Oh! Englishmen! have ye hearts to feel, and yet continue this traffic?

Superstition.—Come forward, ye reverend crew, and answer for your crimes! Ye priests of Satan, it is you that have lighted up the torch of intolerance; it is you that have set fire to the faggot; it is you that have erected the funeral pile of martyrdom! It is you that have ordained religious massacres! you have strewed the fields with human carcases, and deluged them in blood; and yet you have done it all to the glory of God! False religion, false morality, false reverence for idle ceremonies, and false worship, are all the children of the priesthood, and have been, are now, and I fear, ever will be adopted, by foolish and unreflecting men!

Surplice,—a white garb, which priests wear when they are humbugging the people.

Swinish Multitude,—an epithet applied by Mr. Burke, the Jesuit of St. Omer's, to the English people, because they tamely suffer their rights to be wrested from them, and their wrongs to remain unredressed.

Sword,—a weapon of offence and defence, put into the hands of mercenary troops, to deal destruction to all within their infernal reach. The tyrant, William III. ordered the massacre of Glencoe, in which neither age nor sex were spared. A similar event, it has been reported, took place, a few years since, at Lexington, in America. Of what

what materials are Princes made? I should much like to know whether their anatomy and physiology be the same as in other men!—How can they ever procure men to murder for them at six-pence a day?

Sycophants,—a long string of rascals, from Loughborough down to Windham.

System of Courts,—to keep the people in ignorance; because if they were suffered to be enlightened, “Othello’s occupation’s gone!”

“Where there are Kings, there must be Courts,
“And where there are Courts, there must be
corruption.”

Therefore long live corruption; may corruption live for ever.

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Tale-bearer,—one who gives malicious and calumnious intelligence.—Windham is tale-bearer and lying alarm-bell to the House. In December, 1792, at that extraordinary meeting of Parliament, he basely asserted what he knew to be false. In the violence of his declaration against his enemies, the friends of liberty, he said, “it was notorious that there was a criminal correspondence between the Jacobins of England and the Jacobins of Paris; that

that there was a regular conspiracy, and that, like the accomplices of Cataline, they were bound to fidelity by the solemnity of a horrid oath (here he was interrupted by some Members who exclaimed, *prove, prove!*) The orator then proceeded to state his authority, which, he said, was unquestionable, no less than that of an honourable Member, but "*the fact was not of much consequence.*"

Tally.—The little boy's tonkay bean, that grew up to the moon, would scarcely be long enough to cut a *tally* upon, of our national debt.—But it is all for the best, as Dr. Pangloss says.

Tartarus,—a place in hell, set apart for English Kings and Ministers, who lord it over their subjects with an imperious, cruel, and iniquitous domination.

Tattoo.—The roar of cannon is the Devil's Tattoo, by which those *generous-hearted* men (called soldiers, who are paid six-pence a day to shoot and to be shot at,) are warned to appear at their *last quarters*. *Can any one pity them?*

Taxes.—These are imposts laid on the common bounties of nature, and on the blessings of Providence, in order, as is pretended, to defray the *necessary* expences of a state, but, in fact, to assist despots in carrying on bloody and internecine wars against human life, human liberty, and human happiness. In this country our unrelenting tax-masters

masters and task-masters, as if studying a refinement of cruelty, inflict upon the mute and patient people, the worst of all punishments, disease, by taxing the light of heaven, that grand essential to health. This tax alone is the remote cause of the premature mortality of nearly one hundredth part of the nation. To superficial observers this may appear incredible; but to the enquiring and scrutinizing philosopher, it is a sad and melancholy truth. Oh! *Peuple, Peuple*; when will ye open your eyes?

Tear,—a crystal drop of water, which at once involuntarily starts in the eye of the philosopher, upon the bare mention of the word King, or Priest! I declare to God I almost wish that I possessed the gloomy eloquence of Hegesippus, that mankind, by that sad alternative, might be for ever relieved from those scourges of the human race!

Te Deum,—a hymn of praise and thanksgiving offered up by Christians to the God of Peace, in celebration of those massacres called victories. I have studied the English people thoroughly, and I verily believe they are very rapidly indeed merging towards Popery; nor should I be astonished to see the English church a real church militant, its Priests at the head of armies carrying the bloody banners of war into the churches, to be consecrated

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at a polluted altar, and an Auto-de-fe to crown the whole.

Temper of the Times.—What a wonderful source of contemplation! What an endless field of speculation to the thinking man! In the times of Junius, in that period when the present Chamberlain of London was a man, and at the reluctant close of the American war, what national energy was displayed! What spirited resolutions were entered into! What manly remonstrances! Every man was permitted to exercise the faculties of man! He might *then*, with impunity declaim against iniquity, oppression, and military massacres! A King was not then divine, a Prime Minister infallible, or a Priest the Vicegerent of God! It was not *then* libellous to expose the conduct of corrupt Judges, nor was it treason to censure the blind and misguided, yet persevering, policy of a crowned man.

“Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis!”

Temple,—the residence of legal monsters, who disguise themselves when they are bent upon plunder, for the same reason that highwaymen do, to prevent detection. The attornies (a body of men, which, taken collectively, are a disgrace to human society) are their parasites and their Panders.

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Doubtless there are many, very many valuable members of society in both these communities, but one cannot help abhorring the general *esprit de corps* which is their characteristic. It is a great consolation, however, to me, that the rising generation of lawyers (I speak of those intended for the bar) are for the most part, young men of liberal and enlightened minds, and from whom much may be expected.

Temporal.—The Lay-lords might justly be called both temporal and eternal. Temporal, because not ecclesiastical; and eternal, because their titles and possessions descend by hereditary right in eternal succession.

Temporize.—"These are the times to try men's souls," and when, to *temporize* is a heinous crime.

Tent,—a canvas awning extended upon poles, under which, upon the cold and damp earth, a wisp of straw is thinly strewed, to make a bed for five creatures of a human *appearance*, whose bodies are stretched upon this *downy* couch; forming radii of a circle, with their feet wedged together in the middle like the spokes of a wheel. Here they all join in the glee, "How merrily we live that soldiers be."!!

Tenth.—As an adequate reward for those strong doses of intolerance, bigotry, superstition, and fanaticism,

naticism, which are administered from the pulpit, and as a reasonable compensation for the general error and mischief which is superinduced in the minds of the ignorant and deluded, the wily priest demands one *tenth* of all the bountiful gifts of cultivated nature. And he will tell you with a grave face and uplifted eyes, that eternal damnation is the *sine qua non* of a refusal to this *sacred* demand!!!

Test-Act.—This is one of the many Acts of Parliament that disgraces our Statute Book. It enjoins, that no one, except he is of the established Church, shall enjoy any place, pension, or emolument in office, under government, unless he has previously eaten a piece of *consecrated* bread, or drank some *consecrated* wine, which is by the magic of the priest, conjured into the *mystical* (not real as the *true* Christians assert) body and blood of Christ!!

Tetrarchy.—The object of this just, and necessary war, is to change the wild anarchy of France into a glorious tetrarchy, under the kind and particular dispensation of Providence to the crowned men of Prussia, Spain, Germany, and England!
Demoberos Basileus!!

Theatre.—I. of War, is a large plain where the flesh-plant grows to perfection, and likewise a new plant perfectly unknown to Linnæus, hitherto

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a *Non-Descript*, but which I shall have the honour of first acquainting botanists with, and therefore proceed to give the following description of. I class it according to the Linnean system.

Class and Order. Monandria. No gynia.

Genus and Species. Miles. Sanguinarius.

Generic Character. Pugnat et trucidat pro auro.

Figura. Humana, et emittit vocem humanam.

Calyx. Galeatus, plumis, sanguineo colore, decoratus.

Corolla. Ovata; naso, et ore, et lingua, et mento, et pube in mentum tamquam in animale humano, et duabus auribus, et duobus oculis, ornata.

Cortex. Coccinatus.

Caudex. Cruralis, brachiatus, et braccatus.

Stamina. Plerumque ab auris frigidis et humidis, etiam exhalationibus terræ exitialibus, debilitata.

Pistilla. Duo, cum pulvere et ballis chargeata.

Pericarpium. Folliculus, cartridgis expletus.

Fulcræ. Arma. Musketa bayonettata; et gladius anceps sine vagina.

Habitat. In barrackis fætidissimis, et in agris humidis, varies.

Frutex est perennis, parasiticus; et sæpissime mutilatus invenitur, e. g. sine capite, sine cruribus, sine brachiis, &c.

Florescit optime in Orbe Christiano.

Theatre.—II. Dramatic. The common sewer for the most beastly and the most depraved sentiments of loyalty, that a base-born, abject people, can make use of! A temple of worship, where the little, sceptered and tinselled creature is adored with more veneration and reverence, than the great Creator! It is in these places that a most impious, and blasphemous song is sung, during which time the obedient People are compelled, by force of arms, to stand up, uncovered, as if they were in a church!

Theologian.—a *Professor* of Divinity, which is synonymous to a practiser of chicanery, fraud, and hypocrisy. For ample examples, apply to the heads of Colleges in our Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Thirteen.—United States of America; which bravely threw off the English yoke, and like all good Republicans, renounced the bug-bear of royalty.

Thousand.—When speaking of English soldiers slain in battle, a mere milk-score, not worth a King of England's thinking of! "What! what! what! Pitt! only a thousand! only a thousand! Heh! Go a hunting? Go a hunting? Heh! Heh! Son's a fly dog, fly dog, fly dog! Takes care of his flock. Ha! ha! ha! Good Bishop!

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" good Bishop! Ha! Ha! Ha! Go and tell Char-
 " lotte! tell Charlotte! and then tallio, tallio!!
 " Ha! Ha! Ha! What, What! What! only a
 " thousand! Dutiful son, though! Heh! Pitt, Heh!

Thralldom.—The human mind has been in a constant state of *thralldom*, (for what reason I know not) ever since that fatal year for England, 1760.

Throne.—a sumptuous, richly furnished, and elevated seat, which is placed upon a platform, with steps to it, and would serve as well for a scaffold, as any thing else; but it is made for a King to sit on. A man, fantastically drest out in ermine, velvet, gold and silver tinsel, gold and silver spangles, squirrel and rabbit skins. Thus tricked out, like the wooden god of Otaheite, having scarcely the resemblance of a human being, it is no wonder that men should be so deluded, as to think him more than mortal, when it requires so little of imagination to metamorphose him at once into an object of worship. Under this impresson, when they approach the throne, they are struck with awe and dismay, and address this bundle of fine clothes with bended knee and an humble voice, as if they were attempting to appease an irritated Deity. If the address pleases the oracle, a great red hand is protruded from under this now animated bundle, which the priests, who are standing around the altar, and assisting at these solemn rites, tell the
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lowly suppliant he is to kiss ! ! To kiss ? Heaven and earth, must I remember ?—To kiss ? And yet if you ask one of these despicable wretches, after having gone through this pantomimic scene, whether he is a lunatic ? “No,” he will tell you, “I’m a loyal man.” Pitiful, sorry wretch ! loyal thou mayest be, a man thou canst never pretend to be !

Throttle.—A *cursor* *scripsit* on the throttle of that monster, Pitt, and of some other great men, would, I think, be well received by all parties, upon an *authentic* publication to the world.

Thrum.—In Manchester, Norwich, and in other manufacturing towns, it formerly meant a loom’s work, curiously done up, and ready for the weaver, but the word is now nearly obsolete, and the meaning of it only known by obscure and imperfect tradition. And where the busy weaver, in days of yore, plied at his cheerful labour, the no less busy little spider now weaves its silken veil of oblivion !

Tick.—the way that government pay their debts ! !

Tomb.—a certain, and, I believe, the only asylum for mortals, from the tyranny and oppression of Kings ; and the depravity, hypocrisy, and intolerance, of priests ! When I pass by a burial place, I think I see engraved upon every tombstone, “Come unto me all ye that labour, and I will give you rest.”

Torture.

Torture.—Invented by monks, and practised on by priests on unbelieving heretics at an Auto-de-Fe, in order to bring those sinful renegades within the pale of the Christian Church. Whence the term *impaling* !! But as their souls are saved by it, it is all very right !!

Tower.—the English Bastille for State Prisoners who are in the Opposition, and for friends of freedom. It is policy to put such men in the Tower, as they will prize Liberty the more when they come out.

Trade.—a mean way of getting money, upon that account much and successfully discouraged in the present reign.

Tragedy.—The history of Kings of all ages and all countries, is one continued deep and dismal tragedy.

Train-bands.—a curious collection of brawny, greasy-faced old ladies, dressed up in men's clothes, and accoutred with large bread and cheese knives.

Traitor.—any man who strives to reform either Church or State.

Transubstantiation.—one of the supposed tricks of those arch-conjurers called priests, by which dough and wine are changed into flesh and blood !

Treason.—any undefinable offence which crown lawyers chuse to call so, provided they can pack accom-

accommodating juries to bear them out. In the reign of the Stuarts, corrupt Judges were easily to be procured, and juries were so compliant to the arbitrium of a Judge, that to accuse, was to convict. In more modern times, however well the bench may have been stocked, with Tresilians, Empsons, Dudleys, Jefferies, and Scroggs, yet I have too good an opinion of a modern English Jury, if collected with but tolerable partiality, to suppose, that they would send innocent men out of the world, merely because they oppose the administration for the time being.

Treasury.—I. *Prints*, are those newspapers under the pay of the Minister for the time being. For which consideration the editors applaud and attempt to justify every measure of government indiscriminately, reprobate all reform of abuses, every amendment of the constitution, and abuse all reformers as levellers, and every innovator as a traitor to his country.

II. *Bench*,—is the seat on the right hand of the Speaker in the House, on which are arranged in order, in regular seniority of corruption, those members who have the singular good fortune *always* to coincide with the Minister in all his measures whether it be to overawe the people of this land who wish a reform, by the introduction of foreign troops,

troops, or whether it be to suspend the Habeas Corpus Act.

3. *Letters*,—are strong, admonitory, and argumentative epistles, in favor of any particular bill the minister wishes to pass the house, or against any bill he wishes to have negatived. It was the custom formerly to inclose in these letters a few scores of lottery tickets; but the arguments are now-a-days penned in Algebraical and arithmetical symbols, which afford a decided and mathematical proof of the arguments proposed in the *given* subject. Nothing indeed can exceed the beauty and admirable conciseness of these Algebraic equations, which I am told are sometimes sent with blank *cheques* on the bank of England, to be filled up at the discretion of the *dominus respondens*! I shall subjoin two Algebraic equations by way of illustration, with an explanation appended.

EQUATION I.

$$VSHCA + S = 50 LT + P - SD_A$$

EQUATION II.

$$VA + GSAF - AMEG = BC + P - GE + P \times RS.$$

Explanation of the First Equation.

Voting for Suspension of Habeas Corpus Act,
plus a Speech, is equal to 50 Lottery Tickets, plus
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a Pension, *minus* a Small Drawback when Pitt goes out of place.

Explanation of the Second Equation.

Voting for the Address, *plus* a Good Speech Abusing the French, *minus* Abusing the Ministers of the English Government, *is equal to* a Blank Cheque on the Bank of England, *plus* a Peerage, *minus* a Good Estate to it, but *plus* the Promise of one, multiplied by Royal Smiles.

IV. The *Treasury* is a large spacious apartment, filled with guineas, which the *minister* for the time being, and his *friends* and the friends to *Church and king* have constant access to, whether it be to purchase perjury against an innocent friend to liberty, or whether it be to gain over an untractable, doubtful, or *unstaunch* jury.

“ *Nemo omnium gratuito malus est.* ”

Treaty,—of king and king, is a negotiatory compact between two states, in order to be first broken by him whose interest it is so to do.

Tree of Liberty—*Habitat* where kings are not, and where priests are not.

Trial,—a pantomimic farce, where there is a *show* of justice, who is represented full of eyes, like *Argus*.

gus, to express her *impartiality*, and a *spy-glass* to each eye to show that she has an eye upon all. In the centre, upon a kind of *bench*, sit three old ladies, with cardinals on, by way of a *cloak*. Round a green table are sitting ten or a dozen priests in sables, with bands on, who expound the mysteries of the place to the old ladies, and to twelve lean, hungry, grunting pigs. In the centre of this groupe, and opposite to the old ladies, sits Innocence in a reclining posture, pale and emaciated, sad and melancholy through long confinement, and bound hand and foot. At the close of the pantomime the pigs grunt out something of an articulate sound, for the most part, as they are *taught* to do by the three old school-mistresses.

Trinity,—the incomprehensible union of three persons into one Godhead. Whosoever will not believe this will be damned. *Therefore*, whosoever does not believe what is incomprehensible will be damned. Q. E. D.

Triumph.—In Christendom human massacres are solemnly celebrated in churches by way of *triumph*!!

Truce,—a mutual accommodation between two royal butchers: from the verb *trucido*.

Trumpet,—a long tube which is sounded in battle here on earth, to chide Clothe and Lachesis for

their idleness, and to tell Atropos to get her scissors ready.

Truth.—What kind of a government must that be where it is *judged* libellous to tell the truth of the creature, but praise-worthy to calumniate the Creator? What kind of government, or rather what kind of tyranny must that be, where the noble and investigating mind of man dares not promulgate known truths, where the scrutinizing eye of the philosopher has penetrated, but where that eye dares only see in secret? What can we think of a state where our religion is the patch-work of priests, and our system of policy the Dagon of a few wily and idolatrous knaves called statesmen? Where, upon the only subjects worthy of disputation or minute enquiry, all the noblest faculties of the soul are hushed into silence, and fettered down to the received opinions of an age of superstition and prejudice, on pain of the most cruel and vindictive punishments? Truth in such a country is a stranger; she wanders up and down like a houseless pilgrim, not having where to lay her head; and if she chance to stray into some lowly cottage, she is driven out with unrelenting fury, by some loyal brute or other, in the person of an ignorant, hot-headed magistrate, or a bigotted intolerant priest! Thus persecuted, and thus driven from all society, she droops her head in piteous languishment, yet still struggles

struggles against the opposing tide, each struggle fainter than the former, and her fate still tumbling in the balance, till at last she is overwhelmed at once by the strong arm of power, and plunged into the pitchy shades of everlasting night!

Tyrant.—For examples look into history, no matter of what country!

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Ubiquity.—It is curious to hear priests talk of the *ubiquity* of the Deity, and yet at the same time furiously deny his *material* existence. What is this in fact but denying his existence at all? For, if the Deity is spirit, the Deity is nothing, or a non-entity; for a spirit is nothing which can either be described or pencilled. Therefore there is no God (according to their dogmas) unless it can be supposed that there is an immaterial *something* floating about, which however occupies no space, has no parts, no solidity, extension, nor any other properties of matter, and yet this nothing is something, and possesses volition to real action. Priests only make this problem; they alone can solve it. However they may reason away any difficulties of this kind; they can never, with any face, deny that there is in England an *ubiquity* of priests who cringe, fawn, and tyrannize; that there is an *ubiquity* of spies and informers, who live by calumny and perjury; an
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ubiquity of loyal magistrates who support them ; and lastly, an *ubiquity* of treasury gold which supports them all.

Unconquerable,—the human mind. In spite of the tyranny and intolerance of kings and priests, in spite of the infernal machinations and combinations of crowned conspirators, if a great and mighty nation wills only to be free, she must be free in spite of all earthly interference. France said, Let there be freedom, and there was freedom ! And I hope to God that liberty there is *unconquerable*.

Uncrown.—What a pity it is that kings never consider that reason and justice can as well co-operate to *uncrown* them; as well as ignorance, weakness, and credulity did to crown them.

Unction Extreme.—In the Popish or Romish or *Baby-lonish* Church, this is the ceremony of daubing, with linseed or lamp-oil (I don't know which) the body of a dying Roman Catholic. It however is of use, as it serves very well as *basting* before they are *roasted*, which is what Divines call, "kingdom come."

Uncultivated,—one third part of England. Huzza ! Long live poverty and misery ! Huzza !—Church and king for ever !

Unenvied,—the virtues of the king, the morality of the Lords and the independence of the Commons ; the humanity of the Bishops, the impartiality

lity of the Judges, and the learning of the Clergy ; the generosity of the Queen, the economy of the Prince of Wales, and the courage of the Duke of York ! Honi soit qui mal y pense.

Unhanged,—Pitt, Loughborough, Windham, and a long, long et cætera ; and yet they are all, and every of them, what the French call, “vrai gibier du potence.”

University,—a place where ignorance is taught. This is absolutely the case at Oxford and Cambridge, where you may see monks, sensual, beastly, hoggish monks, wrapped up in all the ignorance, as well as the superstitious garb, of the 9th century ! Heu ! meminisse dolor !

Unking,—an European custom, much practised towards the close of the 18th century.

Unlighted,—as yet the torch of intolerance and the funeral pile of persecution, but the priests are high busy in getting the faggots ready. Bigotted priests ! take care what you are after, for the same devouring flame that is kindled for a heretic, will consume a bishop !

Unprincely,—any action that is performed from motives of benevolence and humanity.

Unsatiable,—the thirst of some princes after gold and human blood.

Unfold,—the freedom of the people, and the members of the two houses !!!

Unsuccessful

Unsuccessful War.—Nothing demonstrates to me so much the incivism, and the sordid weakness of men, as applying the epithetic term of *unsuccessful* to the war, by way of argument against the principle of it. What, have governments nothing to do with morality or justice? *Unsuccessful!* Is that all that can be said against a war which had for its *first* object, the extermination of a great and noble minded people? A war which was begun in iniquity and blood-thirst, carried on with true, savage, and Christian-like ardor, and will be ended with true Christian charity, viz. when all our resources are dried up by this raging, parching fever, and the soldiers are sick of blood. Woe be to him in whose dark and sanguinary mind this cruel war was first projected! But the age of delusion is not yet gone! Man is yet contented to forge his own fetters, by way of getting a livelihood!

Unthroned,—an obsolete word which is getting into use again.

Uproar.—This is a Dutch word, and if Dumourier had not been a traitor, the Dutch by this time would have given us an application for this term. But perhaps "*tempus erit quando, &c.*"

Usurping Powers,—Russia, Prussia, &c. &c.—who, under the subterfugal pretence of preserving peace, good order, and good government in the kingdom of Poland, have from time to time, with unhal-

lowed hands and unblushing hearts, seized upon the best and most valuable part of the King's domains, and are even now, like an equinoctial tide, rapidly encroaching on and overwhelming the whole surface of the country.

V.

Vacation.—I. In the Universities, is that interval of leisure, when those Voluptuaries the Heads and Tutors of Colleges indulge themselves in the excess of every sensual and beastly enjoyment.

II. Among lawyers, is that period when, if you take a walk in the Temple, you may see clouds of needy Barristers pacing up and down with a *coloured* coat and waistcoat, and black rusty breeches and stockings. This is both their *Lent*, and borrowing time.

III. In the senate, although there is and must be so much important business to transact, yet the *vacation* with them is eight or nine months in the year. I wonder much that King Pitt does not vote the Parliaments useless at once. And yet these doughty Patriots, these Wise Men of Gotham, have the impudence and effrontery to call themselves Friends to the People; and men—men who consult the welfare and happiness of the poor and the nation at large !

Vassal.

Vassal.—In Poland the peasants are all vassals at this present day, and in England the essence and spirit of vassalage is kept up, although the name of it be abolished. But if the nation wills it, I say, long live the Feudal system !!

Vendible.—a seat in the House of Commons, which is as marketable a commodity as a pig or a goose, through the medium of venal and corrupt boroughs. The present price is about 4,000 guineas, which is much more than given under former administrations; but Pitt, as Mr. Drake says, is an immaculate and heaven-born Minister.

Vicar.—a priest who gets a good fat benefice by deluding the People, and teaching them to look upon the King and the Clergy as objects of infallibility, awe and adoration.

Vice-Chancellor.—In our monkish Universities this is a man, *second* only in iniquity, who takes care that the students shall be so involved in mathematics and divinity that they can find no time to investigate subjects of greater import. And if any of the gownsmen should be found out in reading politics or polemics, to discountenance, or get a *graze* to expel him, because such irreverent arrogances, as Kenyon would say, is *contra bonos mores* !

Vice-gerent.—In days of yore, the Monks, alias Priests, would tell you, under pain of the faggot if

If you denied it, that they were God's *Vice-gerents*. In modern days, nay even now, they would enforce the same, but—they dare not.

Vice-Roy.—In Ireland this is an English nobleman sent over there by our monarch to play the king. A country at the same time remarkable for the servile venality of the nobles and the noble spirit of the People!

Village.—is a collection of two or three miserable huts, whose wretched inhabitants can but just keep their clay in an animated state, by the scanty pittance of the coarsest and most unnutritive diet. However small the village is, *one* locust of society at least you are sure of meeting, and *one* temple of Ignorance at least you are certain, erects its grisly and monkish head above the woods and plantations of the Squire, in which temple the name of the God of Peace is invoked again and again to go forth with “our Fleets and Armies,” and to “give us the power over our enemies” by their destruction. Oh God! Oh God! Is this humanity? But hold my impious tongue—it is Christian charity.

Violet.—“The king is but a man, the violet smells to me as it does to him.” Shakespeare had no proof in his time that kings were men, and in obedience to the doctrine that they govern *jure divino*, I should really think that no legal king is human,

human, but just the contrary, *inhuman* by their very office.

Volunteer,—a loyal subject and King's man, who enters into a society of armed men to oppose by force and arms any Reform, or attempt to a Reform of the Representation of the People in Parliament, and further, to be ready at any riot, to pull down the houses of all Jacobins and Dissenters, who either oppose our holy Religion, or our holy political Institution, which they call a Government!

Vulgar,—the aristocratic epithet given to the most useful, the most industrious, and the most valuable part of the community.

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Wfer,—mystical paste, which, among the Romanists, is changed by that arch-conjuror of all conjurors, the priest, into the *real* body of Christ, and given to that deluded mass of mankind, under that idea and with that impression in one of their communions called the Eucharist. "Oh! man, man! "have you eyes?"

War.—Of all things in this world, it seems to me most strange, that men, large parties of men, perfectly indifferent to, and ignorant of the merits of the dispute, should voluntarily enter into the service of a sanguinary tyrant, and, as far as in them lay,

lay, to massacre and destroy their fellow-creatures
 who are opposed to them, and who are as innocent
 and as ignorant as they, of the whole subject and
 occasion of quarrel. Is it that the sound of fife
 and drum, the trumpet and bugle-horn, or any
 other martial music, possesseth such a savage charm?
 I am a man, but it has no such an effect on me.
 Is it that the garish splendor of a camp, the emble-
 matic vestment of the soldier, the glittering of
 arms, the roar of cannon, the display of gaudy co-
 lours, or any other military trappings, possess
 such a savage charm? I am a man, but they have
 no such effect on me. Is it that the leisurable,
 careless life of the military, the mildness of their
 discipline, or the profligate dissoluteness of their
 manners, possesseth such a savage charm? I am
 a man, but I confess these things have no such
 effect on me. Or, is it that these men are sectarists,
 and have doctrines, creeds, and opinions peculiar
 to themselves; that love war, bloodshed and ra-
 pine, and internecion in the abstract? I am a
 man, subject to frailty in common with other men,
 but I could never yet convince myself, that the
 destruction of the human species was a lovely and
 desirable occupation, so that a man could listlessly
 enter into it, as into a trade, by way of getting a
 livelihood. Whence then this fond desire, this
 madness after slaughter? Is it any consolation or
 solace

solace when wounded, to see your enemy by your side extended breathless on the plain? Oh soldiers, soldiers! lay not the flattering unctious to your souls, that you are heroes! You are nothing but murderers; butchers. When you began to be soldiers, you ceased to be men! Do you delight in blood, and in the sweet tuneful groans of dying animals? set up the trade of butchers at once; there must be such men in civilized society. But do not murder man for gold. If ye are soldiers, ye cannot be virtuous men. You are more abandoned and depraved even than the priests. Let them then gain the summit of their wishes and their ambition, viz. the ascendant in human depravity, the acmè of human wickedness, the climax of mortal guilt. Bow to them with humility, leave to them the crimson palm, they are your superiors in *invention*, and would be in *action* if they dared! Still I am bewildered how to account for this universal and brutal rage for massacre, which seems to have stagnated and palsied every human sentiment, and stopped at once all the noble workings of nature which *once* glowed in your bosoms! I have only one way more to account for your unjustifiable dereliction from all principle of virtue; only one cause more that could possibly induce you to such a dreadful effect, and that cause is, want. If this be the cause of your joining a lawless band of hired

ed assassins, then you are exonerated from a load of guilt; still however burthened with a load of remaining guilt, for you cannot be virtuous if you are soldiers. It is then to you, O iniquitous Governments! that mankind is indebted for this awful calamity! You starve your people, and then the loud calls of Nature force them into a compliance and concurrence with you in plunder and murder! You take away their earnings, and destroy their commerce, and then inlist them under your bloody banners! You depopulate the world, and then hie to your corrupted churches, to pay your filthy adoration to an all-benevolent God, to thank him for what *he* has done, as if he was a cruel and vindictive being like yourselves! Why don't you ordain your priests to drink hot blood at the altar, and devour human carcases, by way of celebrating the Lord's supper? You will want but little of imagination then to believe in transubstantiation! They'll do't if you order them. It will inspire your troops with the true bloodhound vigor; and you may then, with some effect,

“ Cry havoc, and let slip the dogs of War.”

Weal.—The common *weal*, the public *weal*, the general *weal*, so much regarded in Saxon antiquity, is now out of date, and sneered at by our legis-

legislators; inſomuch, that if a man talks of the public weal, he is a viſionary; and if he, by actions, ſtrives to promote the general weal, he is a rebel, and a leveller; ſo changed are the times; ſo perverted is the reaſon of man, and ſo abject his ſubmiſſion to priſts, and the "Powers that be!"

Wealth.—Although it is as perceptible as the meridian ſun, that in England the riches of the country are merging in the hands of one order of men, yet, in ſpite of the alarming increaſe of the poor, and the ſynchronous decline of manufactures and manufacturers, that loyal fool John Bull is made to believe that the country was never ſo rich, and commerce never ſo thriving! If a People will ſuffer Oppreſſion to trefpaſs on their common rights, which even brutes enjoy unmoleſted, they deſerve it.

Weaver.—Let the moſt unfeeling, the moſt hardened, the moſt cruel and inflexible of our ſtateſmen, (I don't know which to chooſe; Windham; or his maſter Pitt, for they are both ſuperlatives) pay a viſit to any of our manufacturing towns; where this uſeful claſs of citizens, *once* were ſeen with buſy faces, carrying their looms-work home to their employers; it matters not where, whether at Manchester, Norwich, Leeds, Halifax, or any other manufacturing town, ſtill it is the ſame; nothing

thing but misery and wretchedness; he will do well to avoid stumbling over shuttles, weavers' beams, looms, and every other, the implements of a lost occupation! Let this man Windham, if he be really a man, lift up the latchet of the door of one of the thousands of miserable huts which abound in every one of these *flourishing* towns. After satiating his gladdened eyes with the misery before him—after glutting his ravished sight, in the voluptuous luxury of beholding wretchedness in its maximum—let him thus address the starving groupe in the true and sincere language of his heart—"You are a set of factious and discontented fellows, who are always complaining—never satisfied. You are as well off as you deserve to be;—there always must be poor people in all countries, and *Providence* has selected you to be of the number; therefore it is impious as well as disloyal to murmur. If it be true, that you can get no work, and are starving, go to the workhouse."

Wedlock.—This is that happy and enviable state, which but few can enjoy in wicked and unprincipled governments. I know not how or why it is, but upon turning to the page of history for a few years back, I find a great many evils that date their chronology from the year 1760, and this evil, among the myriad, that two-thirds of our

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youth are in a state of celibacy at the age of twenty-nine. I need not here state to the philosopher, that government must of necessity be the root of this evil. Under a more perfect institution of government, the human male and female would enter upon the happy state of *wedlock* at sixteen and fourteen. A good king would encourage early marriage; a wicked king will discourage it, by wars, which impoverish a People, and by the natural prohibition of it, by means of heavy burthens, luxuries, and by curbing the natural noble spirit of the People, by unequal imposts, partial laws, interdictions, and restraints. What is the consequence? It drives the women to prostitution, and the men to the most abandoned and avowed concubinage. This indiscriminate commerce entails on them disease, sordidness, and misery. They are hurried to an early grave, with a total loss of constitution many years previous to their dissolution, with a total loss likewise of virtue and morality.

Whig,—a person who prefers the influence of the House of Hanover to the prerogative of the Stuarts. I am an enemy to both; but if we must languish under one or the other, I would, without hesitation, prefer the prerogative of the Stuarts, and for this reason—where prerogative is, the defence and justification of an arbitrary act, all the odium

odium which such an act would incur, is attached to the king himself; whereas, when this same arbitrary act is induced, through the medium of influence, the odium rests on no one in particular. If our Parliament, for instance, was to vote the suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act (not that I think the People would suffer it), this would be effected by influence, but the odium could not be personally applied, as no one could tell who voted from influence, and who from erroneous conviction. And further, here the People have the show, the fiction, of a representation, it would therefore be, ostensibly, or *seem* to be, the People's own act.

Widow-maker.—A crowned man whom I could name, is *Grand Widow-maker* to Europe!

Woolfack,—in the House of Lords, the seat of the Judges. After a long research I have at length ascertained the meaning of this custom. It is to remind them of their duty to their sovereign, viz. that they should do all in their power to keep the staple commodity of the country *under*.

Workhouse,—the abode of wretchedness and despair, filthily fitted up for the reception of decrepid old men and women, orphans, and widows, of those who have been killed in battle, fighting for despotism and tyranny. The poor are first deprived of all means of subsistence in the commercial

way, by the destruction of trade, and then thrown into this filthy stew, to be eaten up by vermin, the offspring of nastiness and a putrid atmosphere.

World,—a collective term used to signify all the nations of this vast globe. Here is an immense field of investigation for the philosopher. It is strange, but no less true, that all nations, without any exception, are subject to and the slaves of, some error or superstition which is the fundamental of unhappiness to the people. Experience, knowledge, history, in vain afford them lessons, what paths to follow, what to shun. Blinded by the warring passions, and stupified by their love of sensuality, they rush on headlong into the abyss of vice and folly, and think to extricate themselves from these pitfalls by heaping crime upon crime, till they find themselves even with the rest of the world. The grand and steadfast enemies to the happiness of mankind, are religion and government. The first is the offspring of fear; the latter, the child of depravity; and if it were not for the intervention of priests and tyrants, mankind would still have had to bless the halcyon days of a natural government and a natural religion. It is worthy of remark, that a standard of truth is erected by every little tyrant, in every little state, and though truth is immutable, she is a very Proteus, diversifying and variegating her snowy garb in every

every soil, in every climate, among every tribe, and in every age. What is a virtue in one country, is a crime in another; what is truth in one, is falsehood in the next; what is justice here, is injustice there; what utility here, injury there; what laudable here, culpable there. Thus the axe and the halter, the rack and the wheel; the faggot and the crucifix are the infallible umpires, the unerring oracles, the unchangeable standards of truth, the grand determiners of right and wrong! Treason and integrity, religion and superstition, reason and error go hand in hand in the world, and the tyrant and the priest of every pitiful territory arbitrarily decide *by law*, which is truth, and which is error. "Oh! world, thy slippery turns!"

Wrongs, Public.—If all the wrongs that exist in this world under different governments were to be written down, the whole earth, to use the language of scripture, "would not be able to contain the books that might be written." As a specimen of such a vast voluminous work, it would take to record the public wrongs of England, more than ten hundred thousand millions of folio volumes, small print, and no margin!

Yoke,—of slavery, is what men of all nations bend their necks to with cheerful submissiveness, and to such *things*, that lap-dogs would not submit to,

to, but contemptuously wag their tails at. State ministers and church ministers are yoke-masters to the whole of the civilized world, and man is now so accustomed, so wedded to it, that he would think himself robbed of his rights, if deprived of it. Year after year, day after day, he renews his toil for others to enjoy the sweets of that labour, and goes as mechanically to it as the ox to the plough, and succeeding generations claim the yoke as an hereditary privilege.

Youth.—It is much to be lamented that more attention is not paid to the education of youth. Those who in the wane of life are counting on the joys of hereafter, should consider it one of the first of duties to warn the rising generation against their thoughtless prodigality of time, that greatest of earthly treasures. If half that wide lapse of time, which at once consumes itself and the health of the body in excesses were spent in the improvement of the mind, what a wonderful change, what a revolution would be produced! kings would not then tyrannize over their subjects, and be idolized for it; nor would priests plunge the bulk of mankind in darkness and ignorance, and be revered for it! Our universities are nothing but monkeries, where real knowledge is trodden under the hoofs of an assemblage of ignorant, superstitious, bigoted, intolerant friars, and where

where the partial knowledge of words is preferred to the knowledge of things, and of men and manners! 'Tis ignorance that is the tyrant! 'Tis ignorance that is the priest! 'Tis ignorance that lights the torch of intolerance, that fans the flame of the faggot! because it is foolish, fottish, ignorance that suffers it!

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The first of these is the fact that the
 majority of the population of the
 country is of Indian descent, and
 that the Indian population is
 increasing rapidly. The second
 fact is that the Indian population
 is becoming more and more
 civilized, and is adopting the
 customs and habits of the
 white population. The third
 fact is that the Indian population
 is becoming more and more
 educated, and is acquiring
 the knowledge and skills of the
 white population. The fourth
 fact is that the Indian population
 is becoming more and more
 organized, and is forming
 associations and societies for
 the purpose of improving their
 condition. The fifth fact is
 that the Indian population is
 becoming more and more
 influential in the affairs of the
 country, and is playing an
 increasing part in the
 development of the country.

